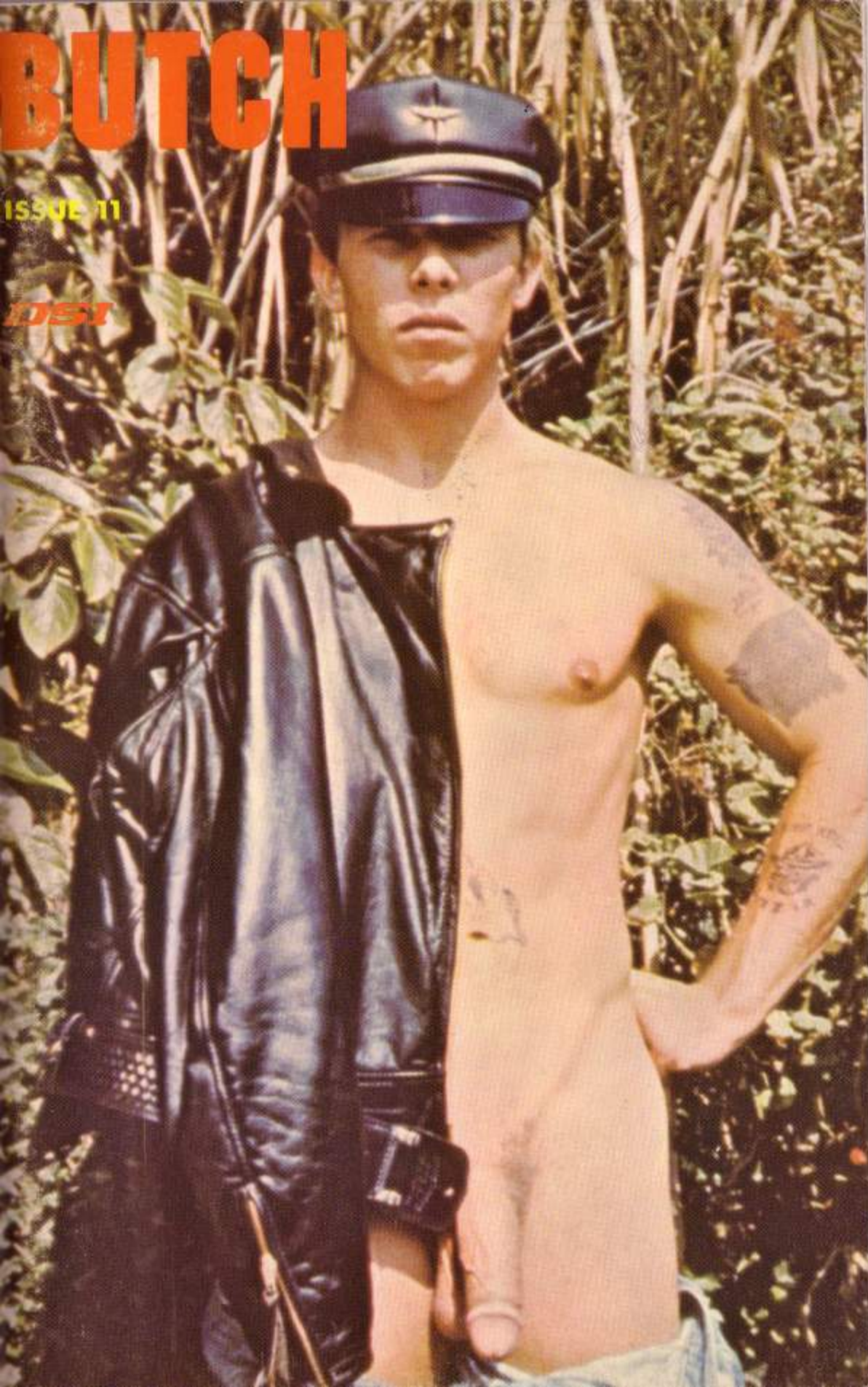


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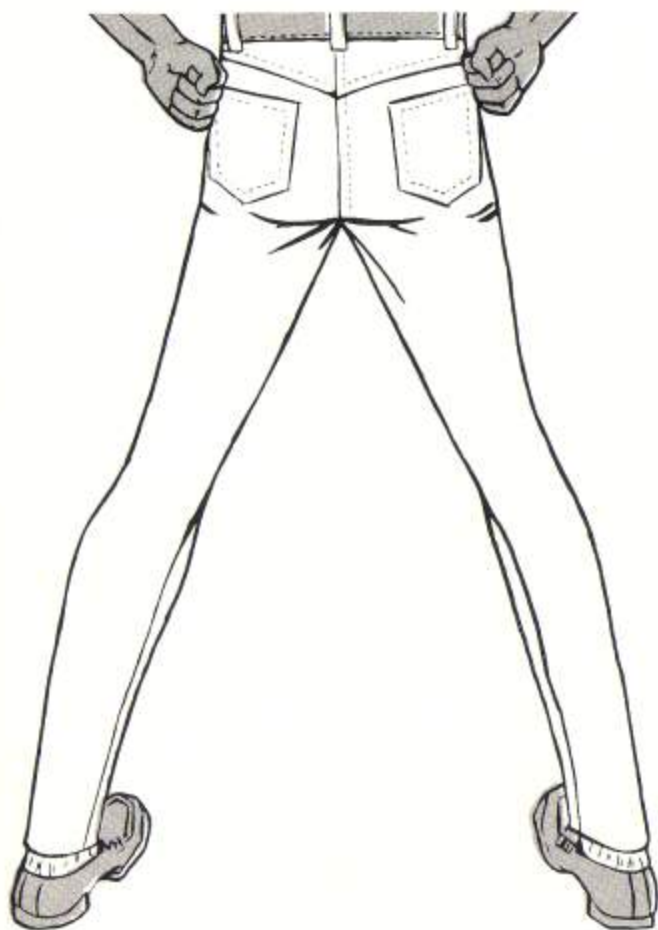
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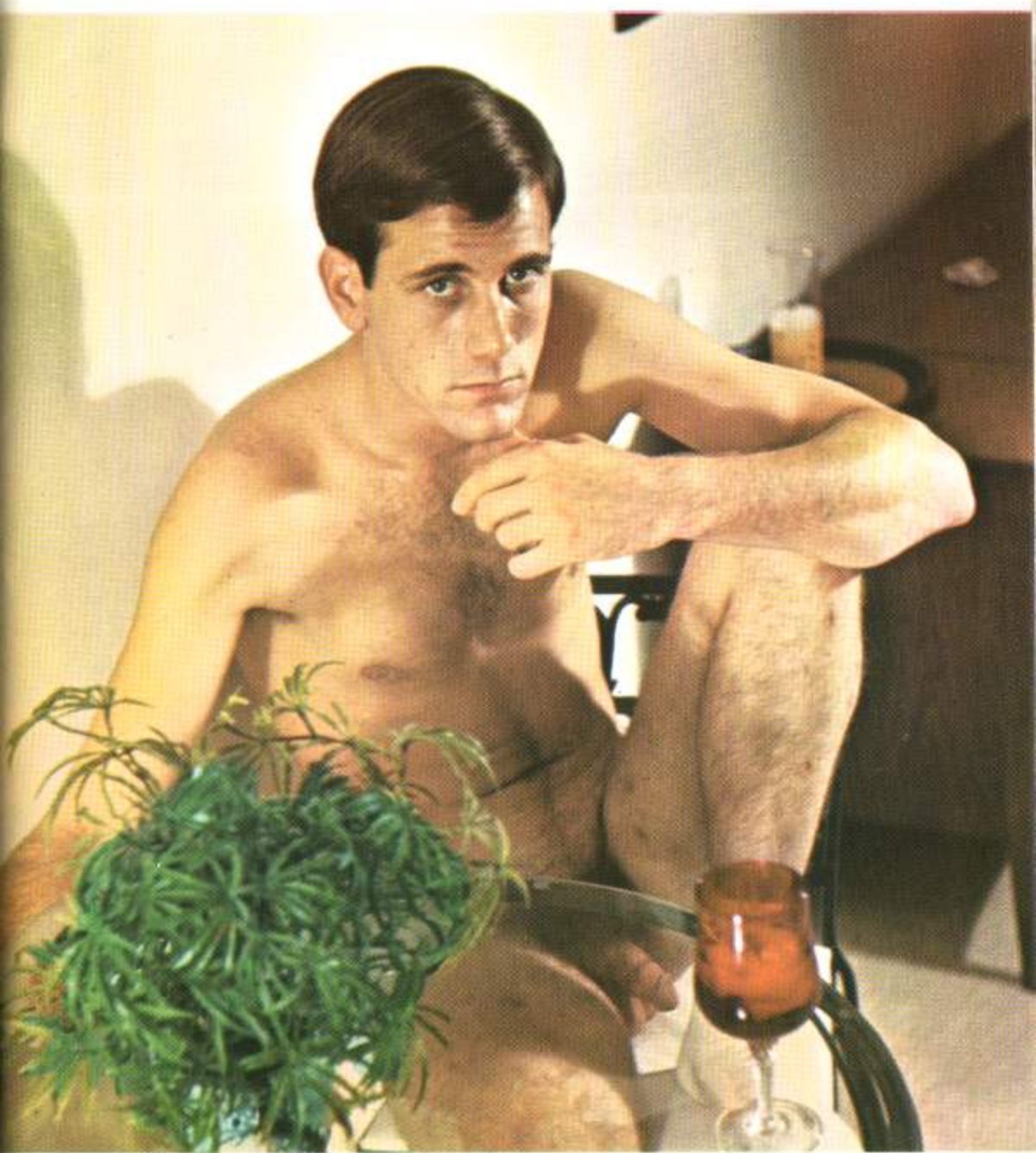


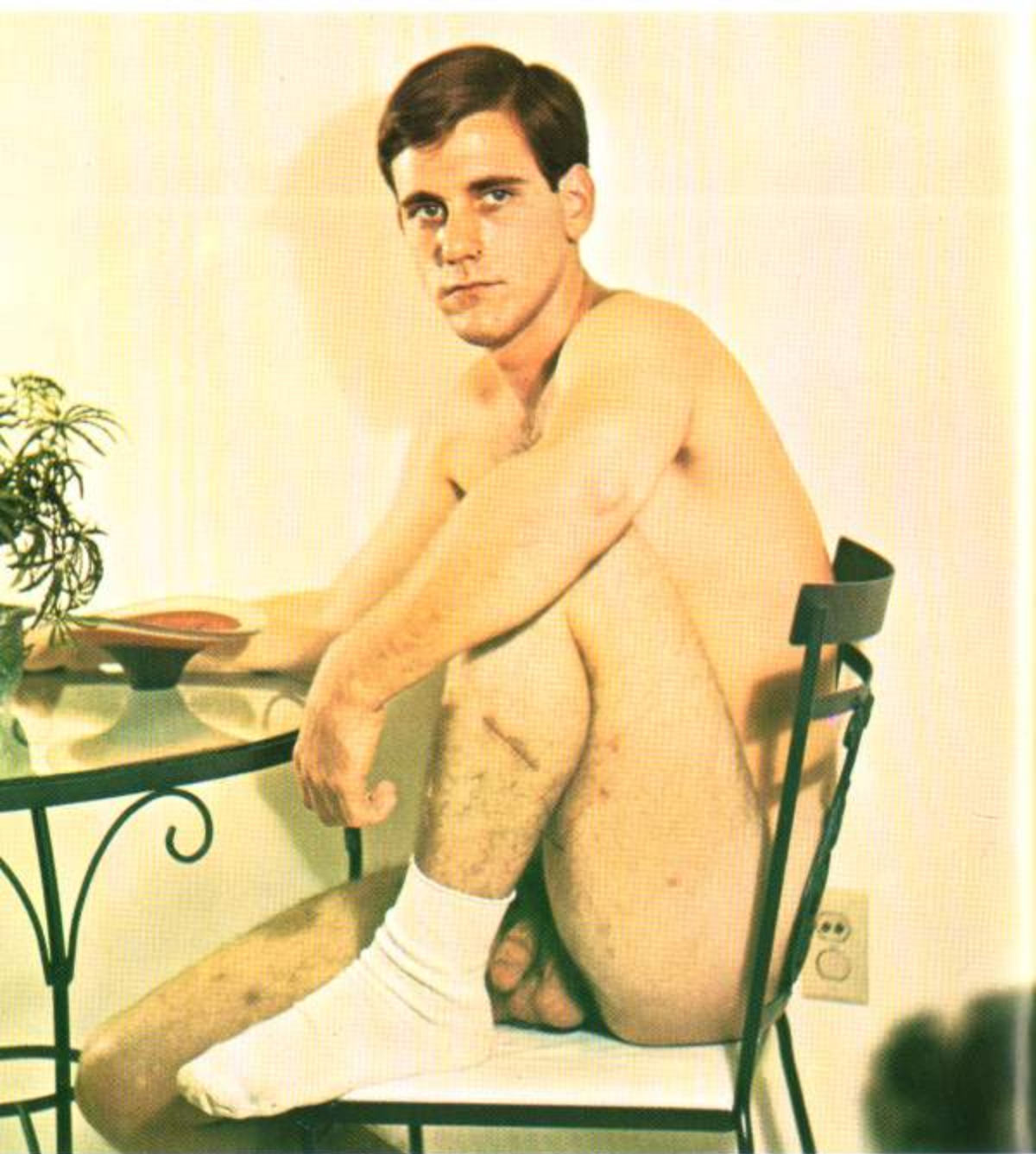
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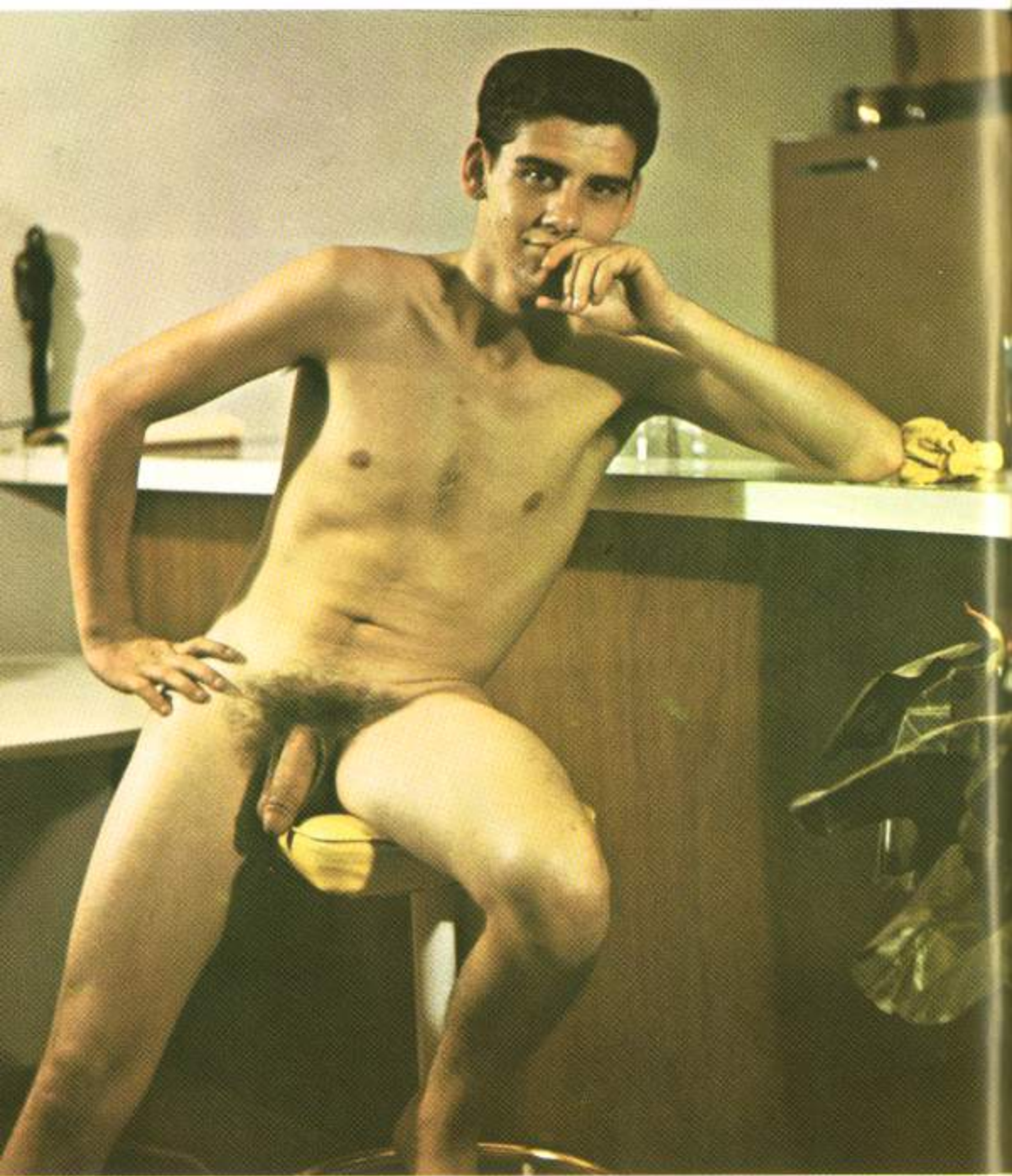






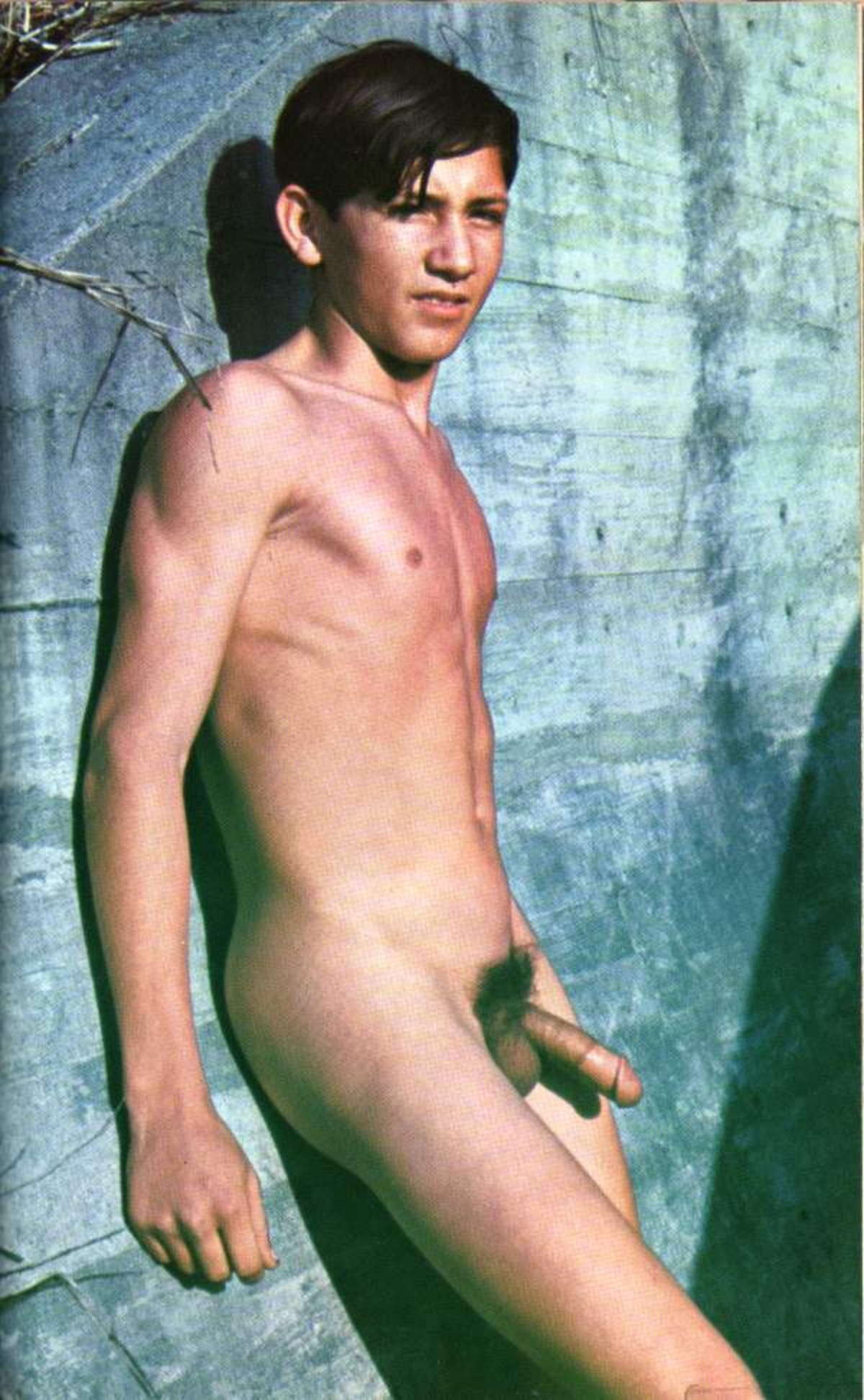


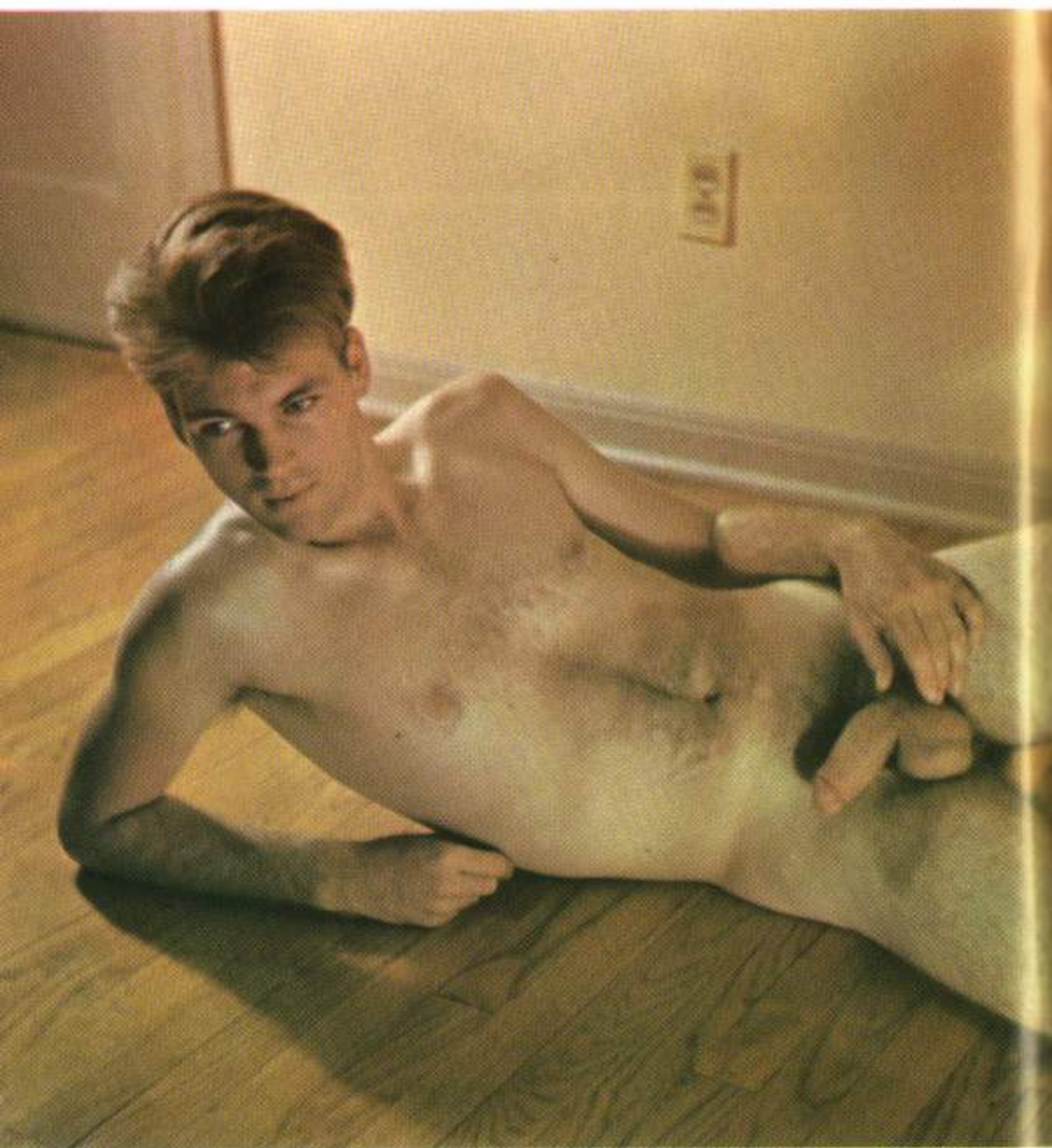


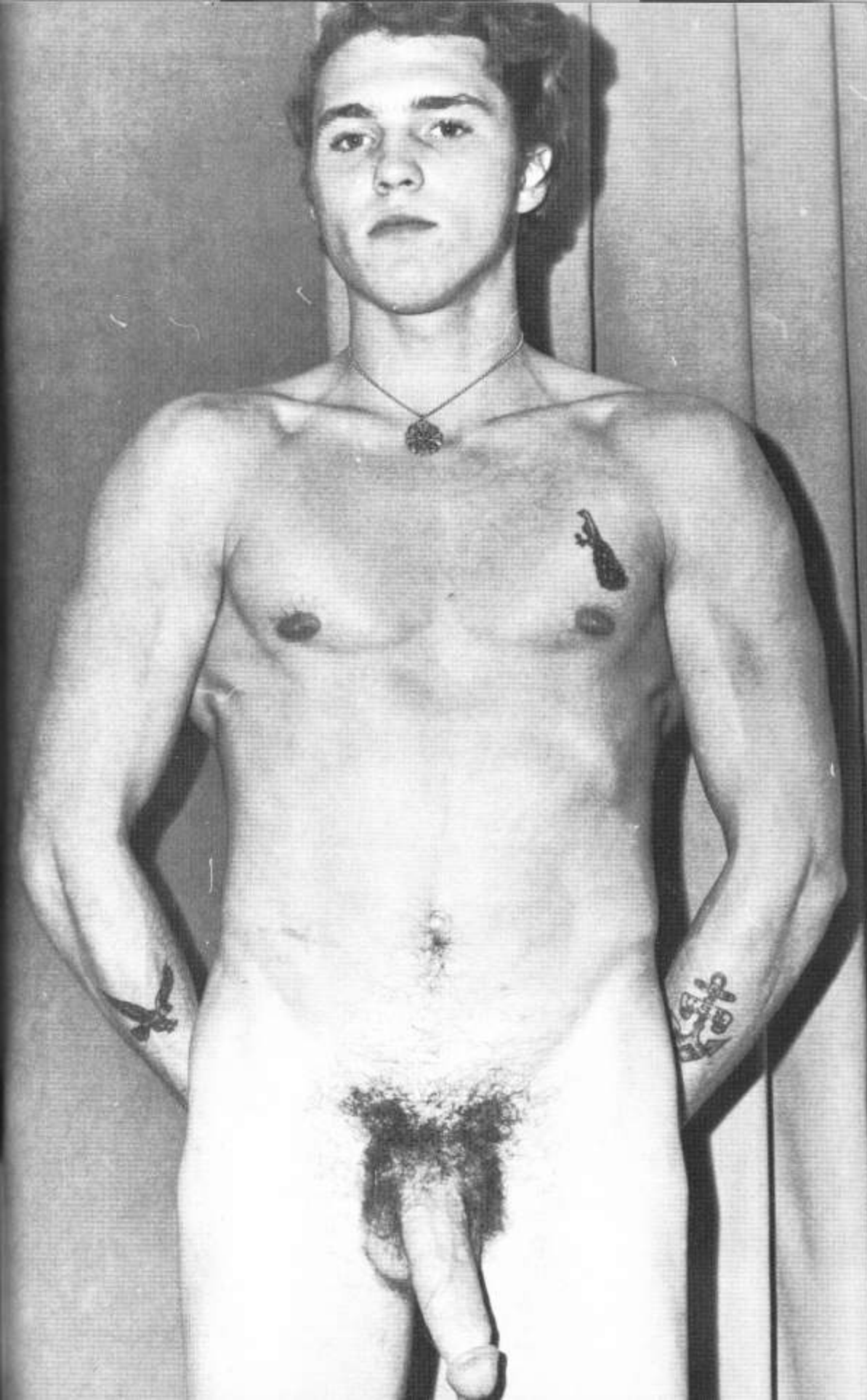


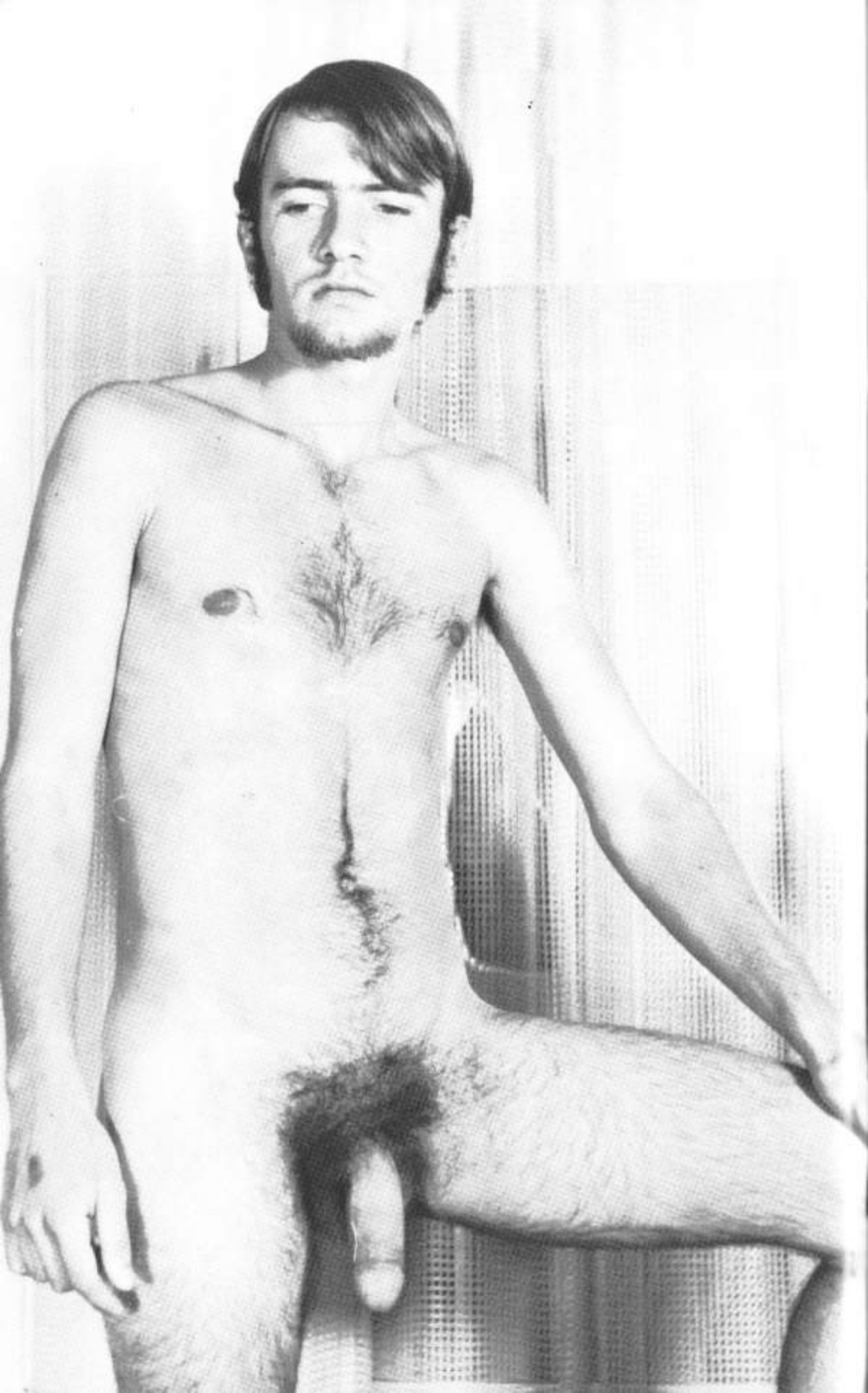












# WHO'S BUGGING YOU?

— a BUTCH magazine expose

**T**his is the era of the "Big Snoop". Invasion of privacy has become commonplace both on Park Avenue and Main Street. It wasn't too long ago that only men who were privy to key military secrets or ruled vast criminal empires had to worry about wire-tappers and evesdroppers. Now you are a likely candidate if you are:

- a businessman in a trade known for sharp competitive practices or regulated by government.
- a junior executive competing in the promotional rat race.
- a taxpayer who has aroused the interest of Internal Revenue
- a person with sex habits that vary from the norm
- or just a plain Joe with nosy neighbors or trouble-making relatives

Even if you have no skeletons lurking in the closet, it is a shattering experience to find strangers spying on your conversations and confidences.

The snooping boom is a direct result of electronic advances which have made it feasible to produce tiny radio transmitters

that require no batteries, tubes, or visible antennae. These can be stashed in the most secretive places. Bugs have been discovered in radiators, lamps, electric outlets, drapes, picture frames, intercoms, windowpanes, ash-trays, air ducts, shrubbery, desk calendars, bed mattresses, fountain pens, and wrist watches. They can also be hidden in such unlikely places as boutonnieres, brassieres, and cuff-links. In all cases they transmit conversations to receivers kept far from the site of the voice pick-up.

The telephone, always a dangerous instrument because of its susceptibility to wire-taps, has become even more vulnerable now that evesdroppers have learned that the mere switch of one wire in the instrument will turn it into an open microphone. As a microphone, it will secretly transmit not only phone conversations but all talk taking place in the room—even when the phone is hung up.

The fact that snooping practices are often illegal does not deter the snoopers. This is true particularly when they represent city, state, or federal law enforcement and regulatory agencies.

Despite official directives and court decisions, government agents blithely continue to bug and tap without fear of punishment by their superiors.

Sometimes, their spy jobs are mere fishing expeditions and they will pick up and spread gossip which doesn't even relate to the cases they're working on. Since they frequently eavesdrop on lawyers who represent suspects under investigation, they will sometimes overhear and report confidences about other clients who have no connection with the suspects.

Calling the phone companies to check on the snoopers is, for all practical purposes, a waste of time. The telephone company personnel are instructed to cooperate with tappers and buggers for governmental agencies. Even if those listening in on you are private eyes, without official status, phone company checkers usually report "nothing out of order". In fact, phone companies practice a form of snooping themselves - under the guise of "observing" your lines.

Is there no protection, then, against the busybodies who seek to strip you of all privacy? There is, if you are willing and able to hire an expert who specializes in eavesdropping detection and pay him a handsome fee for this exclusive type of service. To be 100 per cent effective, a search of this kind requires the services of

an expert with \$25,000 worth of equipment and at least five years of know-how. But since that's probably too rich for your blood, you can do one of these things:

**1** Buy a "scrambler" - a battery-powered device which fits against the mouthpiece of your phone and makes a mish-mash of everything you say. An identical unit, fitted into the phone at the other end, unscrambles the conversation for the recipient. Scramblers cost about \$550 a pair, and if you make confidential calls to more than one person, each will require an un-scrambler for his phone. Also, if your calls are being tapped by an agency with access to highly-sophisticated equipment - the FBI or postal inspectors, for instance - it will probably be able to break your scrambler code.

**2** Use a public phone booth for confidential calls (it could, by the way, *also be tapped* by police on the hunt for call girls or book-makers) - and keep going to different booths, preferably in different neighborhoods.

In addition to avoiding a tap, use of a public phone booth for out-of-town and suburban calls will prevent snoopers from getting a list of toll slips from the phone company which identify the person you're calling. Toll slips for phones, whether listed or unlisted, are always turned over to official investigators if requested,

and private gumshoes have been able to get them by greasing the proper palms.

You'd be amazed at the number of individuals whose road to jail was paved by slips which wound up in the hot hands of Internal Revenue, the FBI, the postal inspectors, and other law enforcement agencies.

**3** Keep phones out of rooms where you have conversations you want kept confidential. If you must have phones, keep them on jacks and pull out the jacks after every call.

When snooping is performed through the medium of telephone wires, rather than radio waves, protection of privacy becomes a more difficult matter. You can't jam up a frequency if radio waves aren't being used. A physical search will have to be conducted for the tap and the wires that are carrying your conversations to the wrong places. These can be, and usually are, hidden so ingeniously (some of the new mikes are as small as an aspirin tablet) that a

layman can't hope to find them. Yet they work by remote control, can pick up a whisper at 50 feet and transmit it 20 miles by wire!

To all intents and purposes, the general public is defenseless. Even if you hired an expert to do your searching for you, you would probably make the very common mistake of calling for these services over your office telephone (which, if your suspicions are correct, is tapped) and before your expert arrived, the microphones could be removed and later re-installed.

There are many "do-it-yourself" gadgets sold which provide only a false sense of security, and which in most cases are a waste of both money and time. As an example, one "bug detector" will only detect radio transmitter-type bugs and *not* the direct-wired types which most professional snoopers, government agencies, and police use 99 per cent of the time. Another gadget, a noise generator that can be compared to a miniature radio jamming device, is also limited to radio transmitter

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Every one of the devices shown on the next four pages is available over the counter or through the mail at the prices shown from a nationally-known firm located in New York City. In fact, your purchase of these items can be charged to your Diner's Club card if you so desire.

### Shotgun Microphone

Can you hear what they're saying several hundred feet away? Of course you can! A truly unique microphone to answer an obvious need in the field of professional investigation (nothing's going to stop you from operating like a professional investigator). Shotgun shape lets you aim and pick out a group of voices, even in crowded areas, from several hundred feet away with fidelity and reliability. Two different size barrels, for very specific aiming, with built-in wind screen for outdoor use. Self-powered transistorized amplifier allows monitoring through cushioned aircraft type headphone while in use. Three output impedances...

**\$425.00**

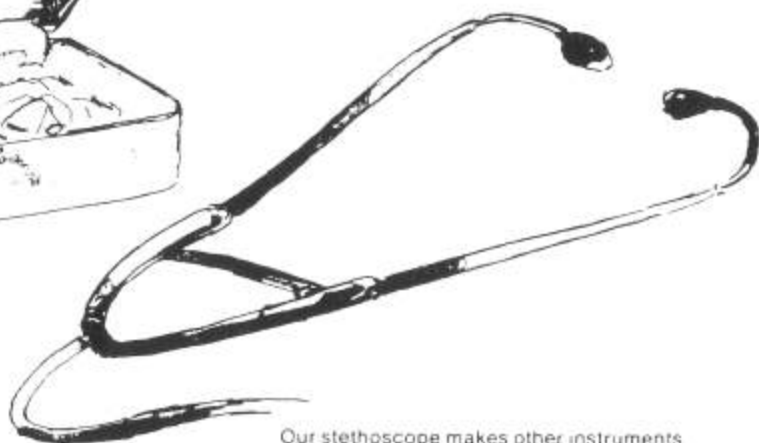
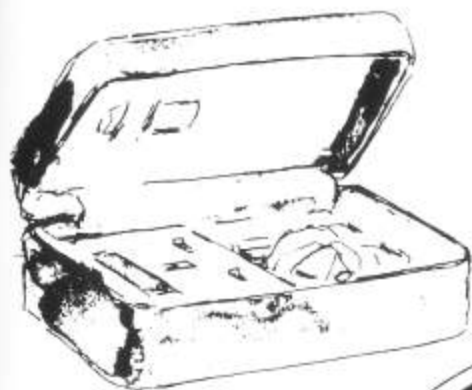


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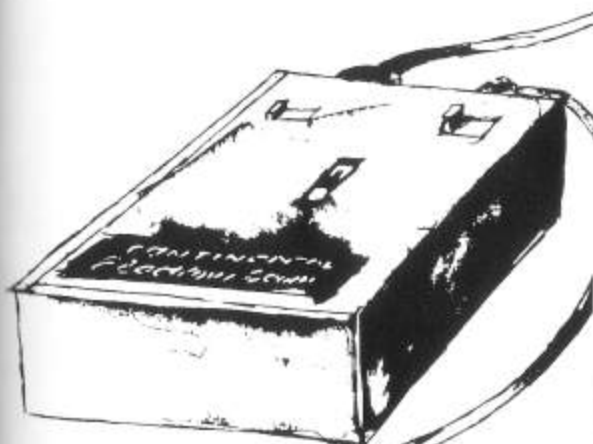
The smallest transmitter ever made, and the smallest you can carry.  $\frac{3}{8}$ " X  $\frac{3}{8}$ " X  $\frac{1}{8}$ ". But don't let the fact that it's smaller than a dime fool you. This single-channel FM transmitter can hear a pin drop 30 feet away. And then broadcast it another 150 feet.

**\$350.00**





Our stethoscope makes other instruments "used-to-be's." It does it with a 6 transistor high gain, ultra-sensitive amplifier with full frequency range, powered by four standard long lasting batteries. Selective tuning control is built in. Amplification is hundreds of times. Bell-type chest microphone is super-sensitive.



This innovation offers several diverse applications. The more conventional being for use by the medical profession—doctors now clearly hear faint murmurs, makes diagnosis in cases of obesity, fetal heart beat, sibilant rale.

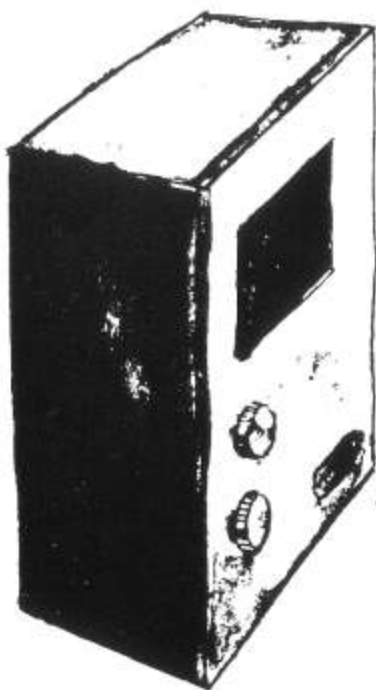
On the other hand, it can hear voices and sounds through thick, solid walls...and enable them to be recorded or amplified for group listening.

Locates insects under a floor, or stress irregularities in metal are other divergent uses.

It's lightweight, fits into shirt pocket and travels nicely in a fitted leather carrying case. Just the thing for any kind of house call.

**\$79.95**





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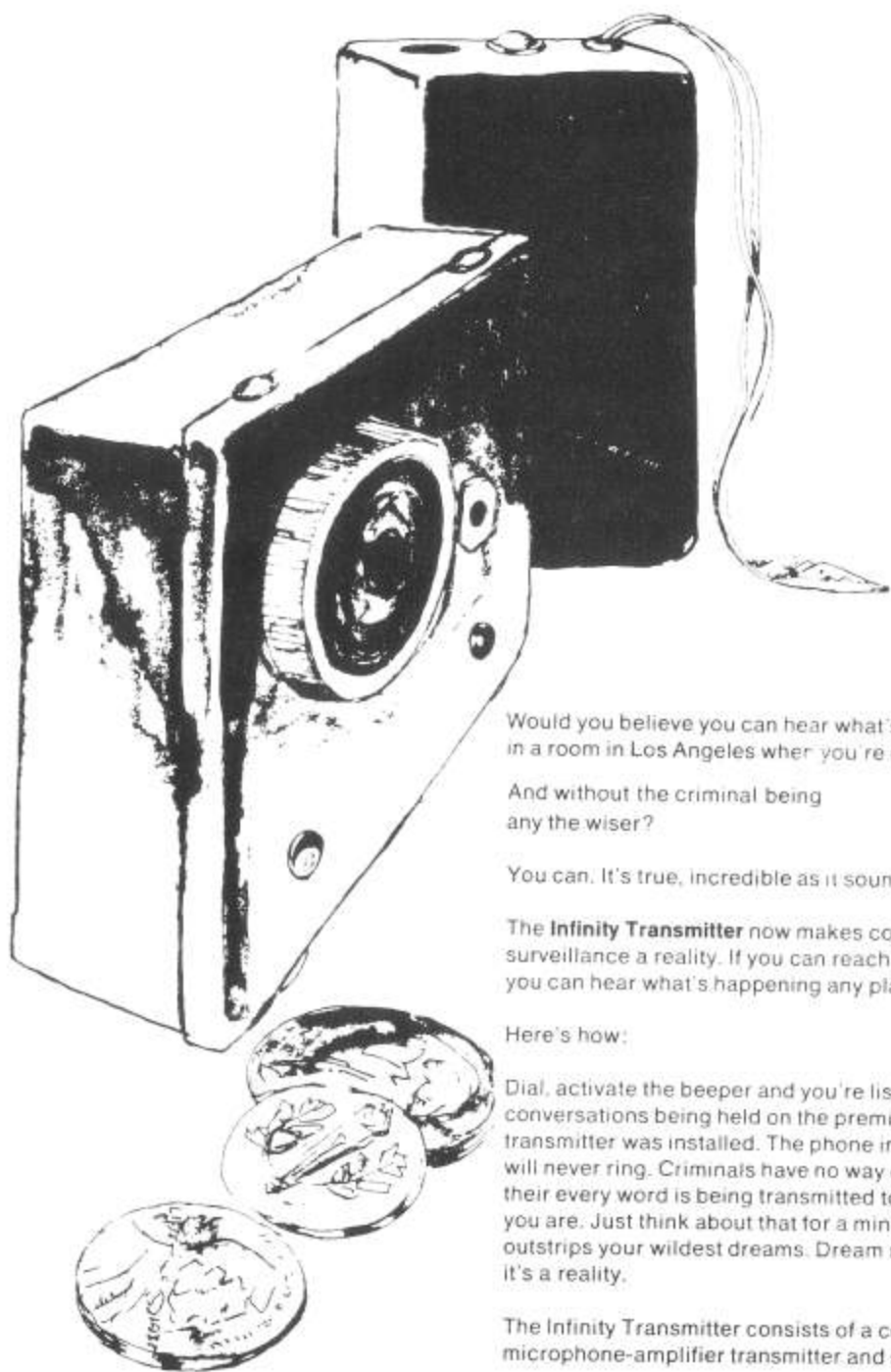
**Combination telephone and room FM Transmitter**

Get the picture. We'll elucidate. Once installed, it broadcasts conversations, conferences and sounds being held in the room AND all conversations being held on the telephone. That's versatility for you ... keeps you alert to what's happening on two fronts.

This amazing instrument boasts up to 300 feet transmission under ideal conditions. It is battery powered (power lasts approximately five days) and could very well suit all your needs without your having to purchase two separate transmitters...  
**\$495.00**

How close do you have to be to eavesdrop on a conversation in New York?

try Los Angeles.



Would you believe you can hear what's happening in a room in Los Angeles when you're in Chicago?

And without the criminal being any the wiser?

You can. It's true, incredible as it sounds.

The **Infinity Transmitter** now makes coast to coast surveillance a reality. If you can reach a telephone, you can hear what's happening any place.

Here's how:

Dial, activate the beeper and you're listening to all conversations being held on the premises where the transmitter was installed. The phone in that room will never ring. Criminals have no way of knowing their every word is being transmitted to you wherever you are. Just think about that for a minute. It probably outstrips your wildest dreams. Dream no longer... it's a reality.

The Infinity Transmitter consists of a combination microphone-amplifier transmitter and switching device.

The improved model  
**\$595.00**

bugs - and could make you the most hated individual in the neighborhood because it jams every radio receiver and television set in the area (as well as violating FCC rules and regulations).

While many gadgets made for eavesdropping and bugging can be installed by the layman, the field of detection and prevention is lagging at least 25 years behind and is, in most areas, almost nonexistent. There is no defense, for instance, against a parabolic microphone which can be aimed at you from several hundred feet away and pick up your conversation in a rowboat in the middle of some lake. There is no gadget that can jam or destroy these sounds.

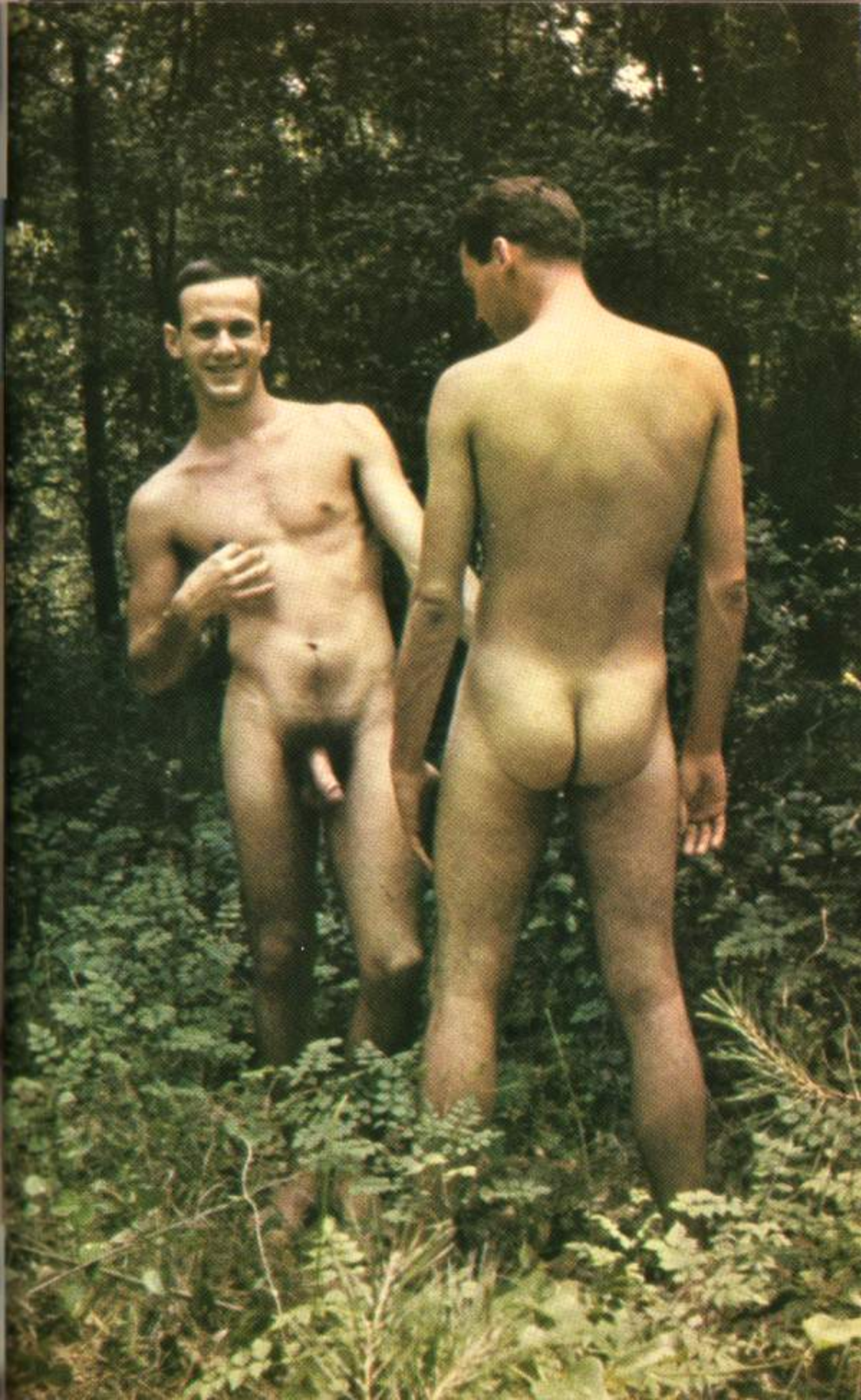
The ultimate weapon for frustrating surveillance by telephone is also the simplest and most inexpensive one. All you have to do is avoid using the phone to divulge information that is important to you. Wait for a face-to-face meeting and then conduct your *tete-a-tete* the way James Bond does it - in noisy trains, in bathrooms with the shower turned on, or in hotel rooms while the radio or TV set is turned up loud.

One person who was following this *modus vivendi* found both the radio and TV out of order in his hotel room and turned on a portable record-player instead. It was lucky he did - the radio and TV didn't work because they were both bugged!















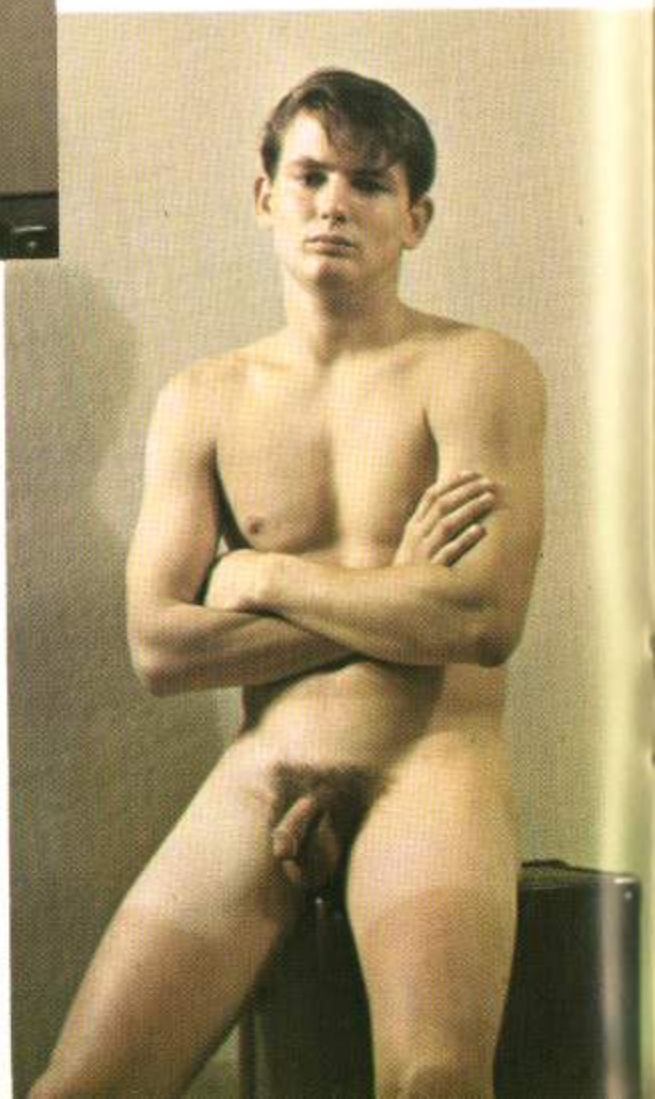


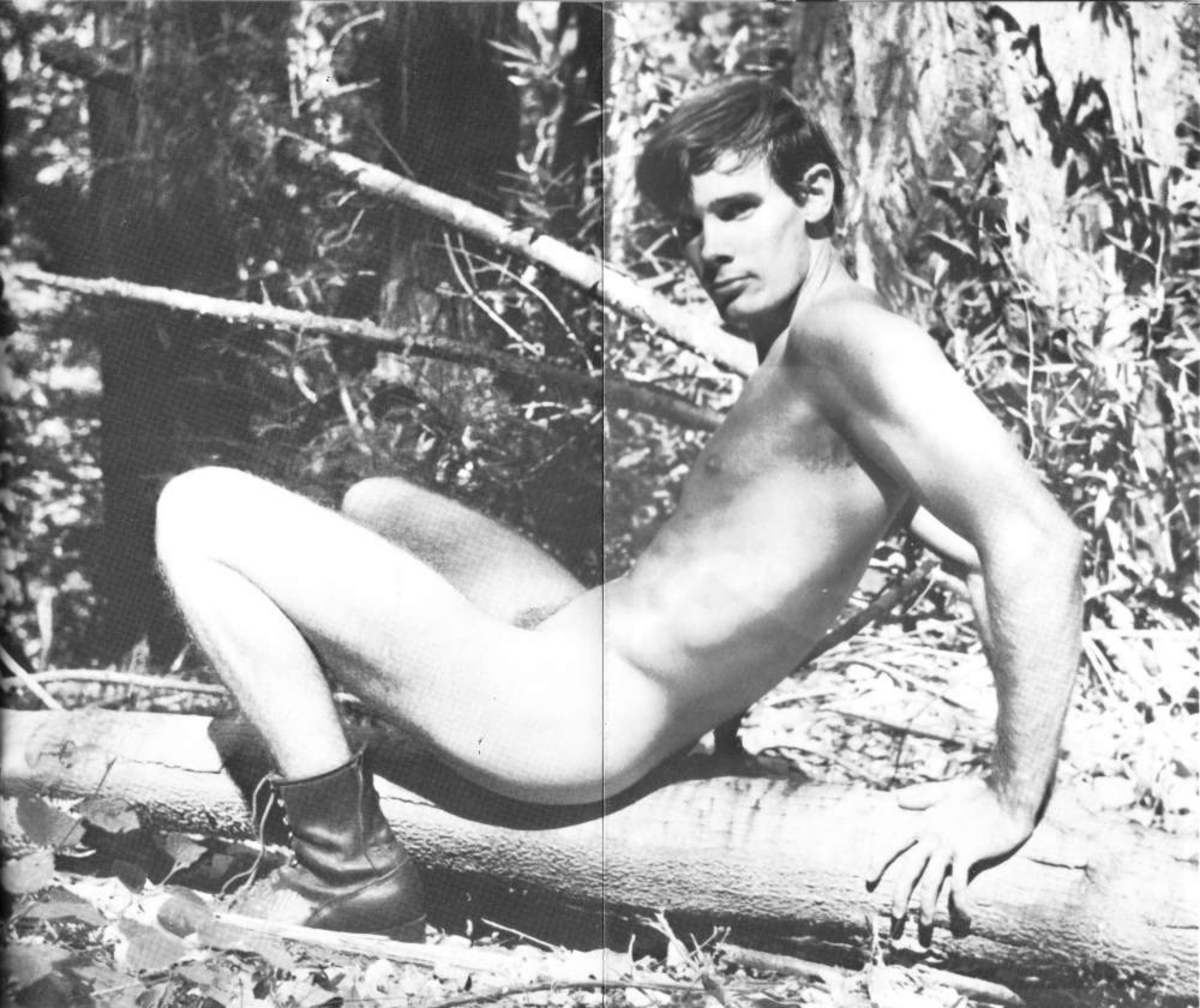










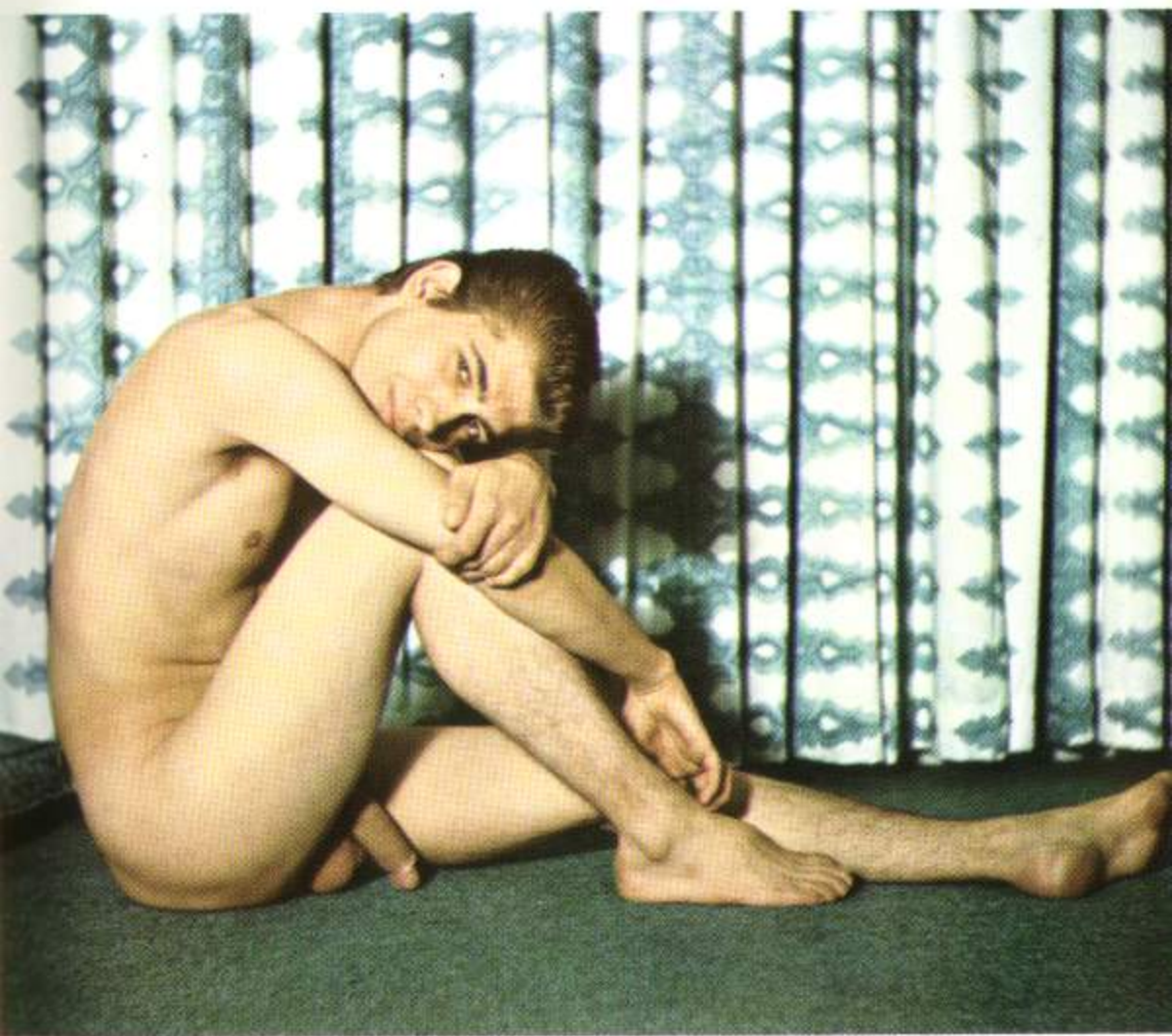




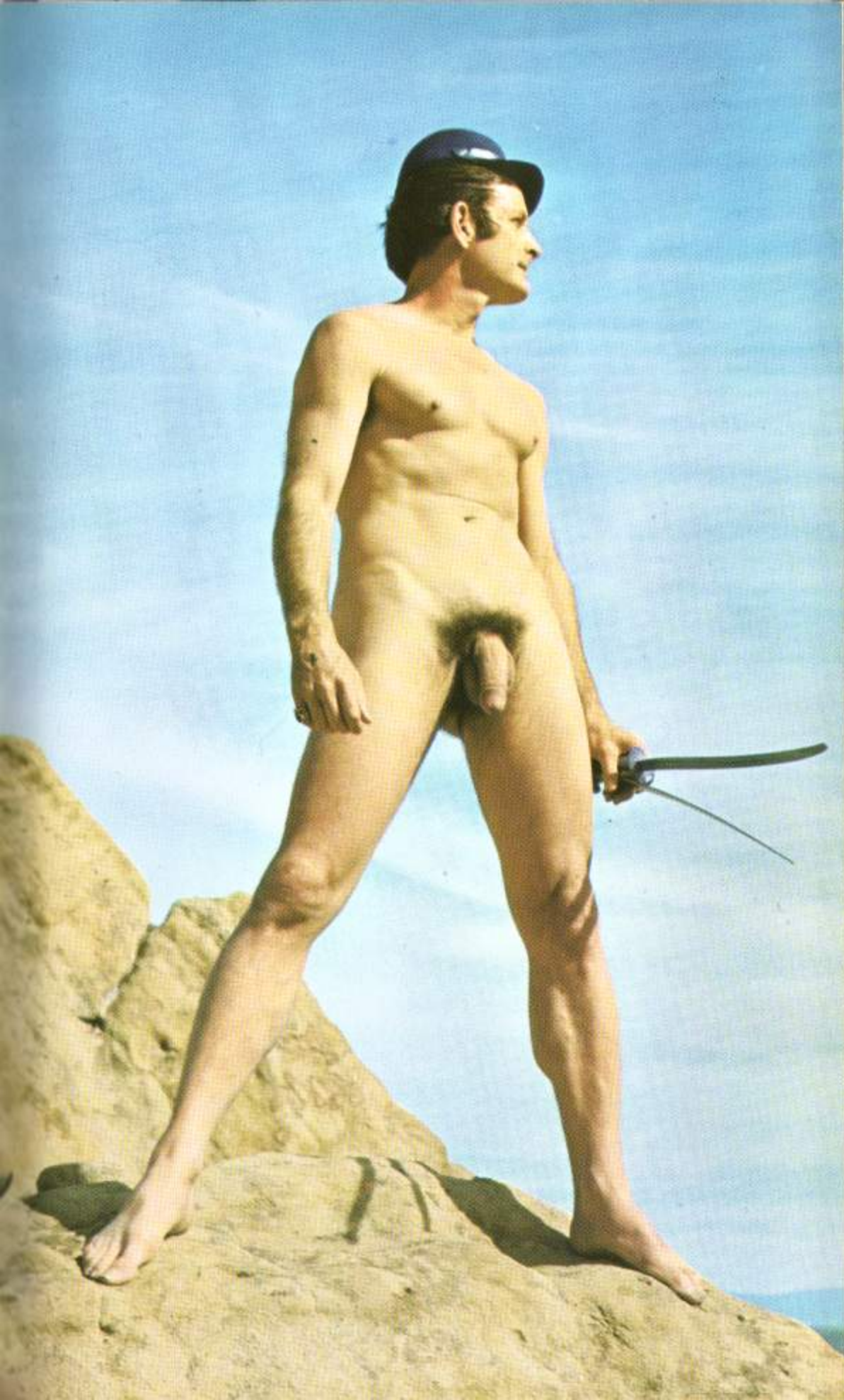


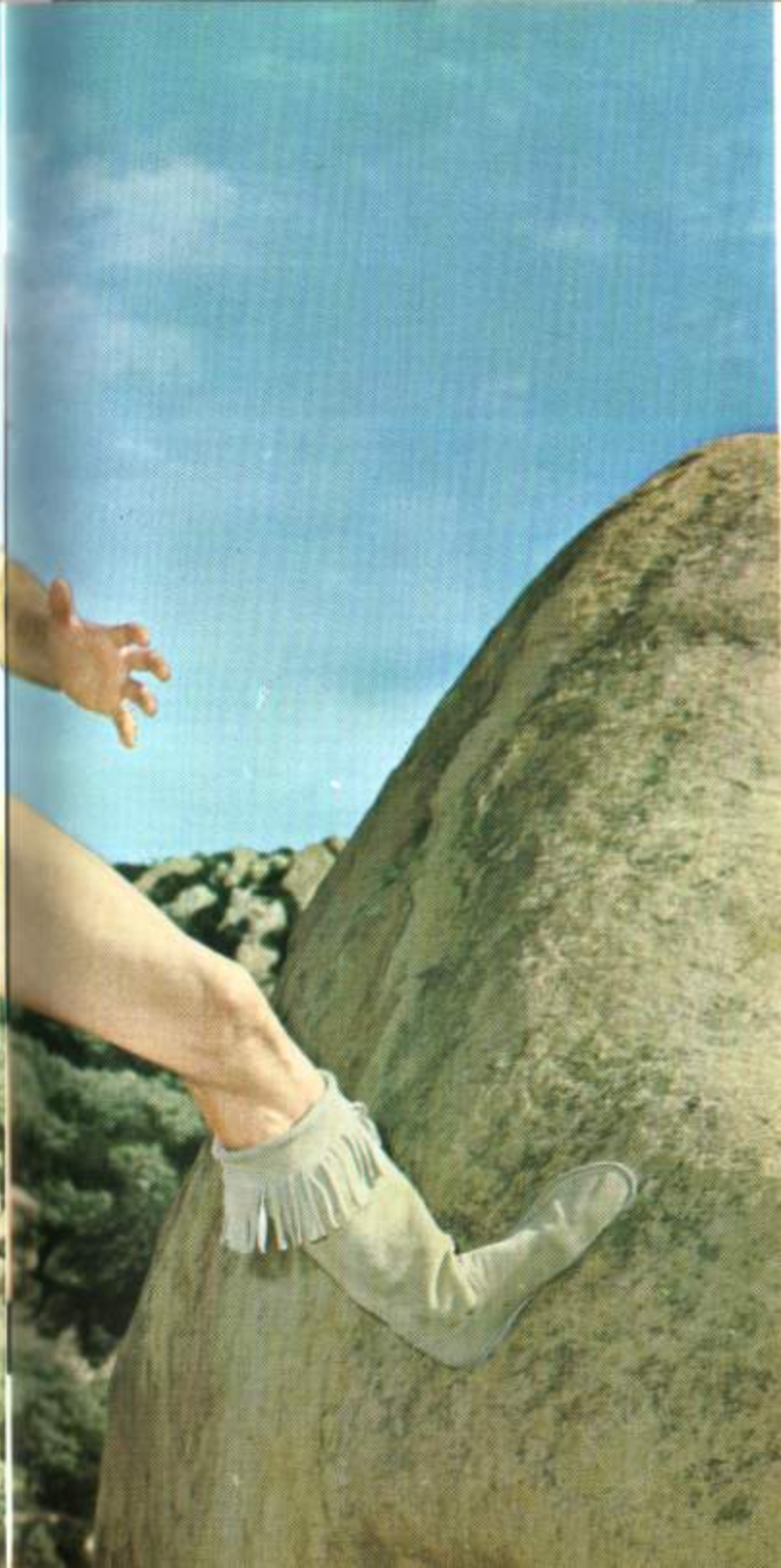
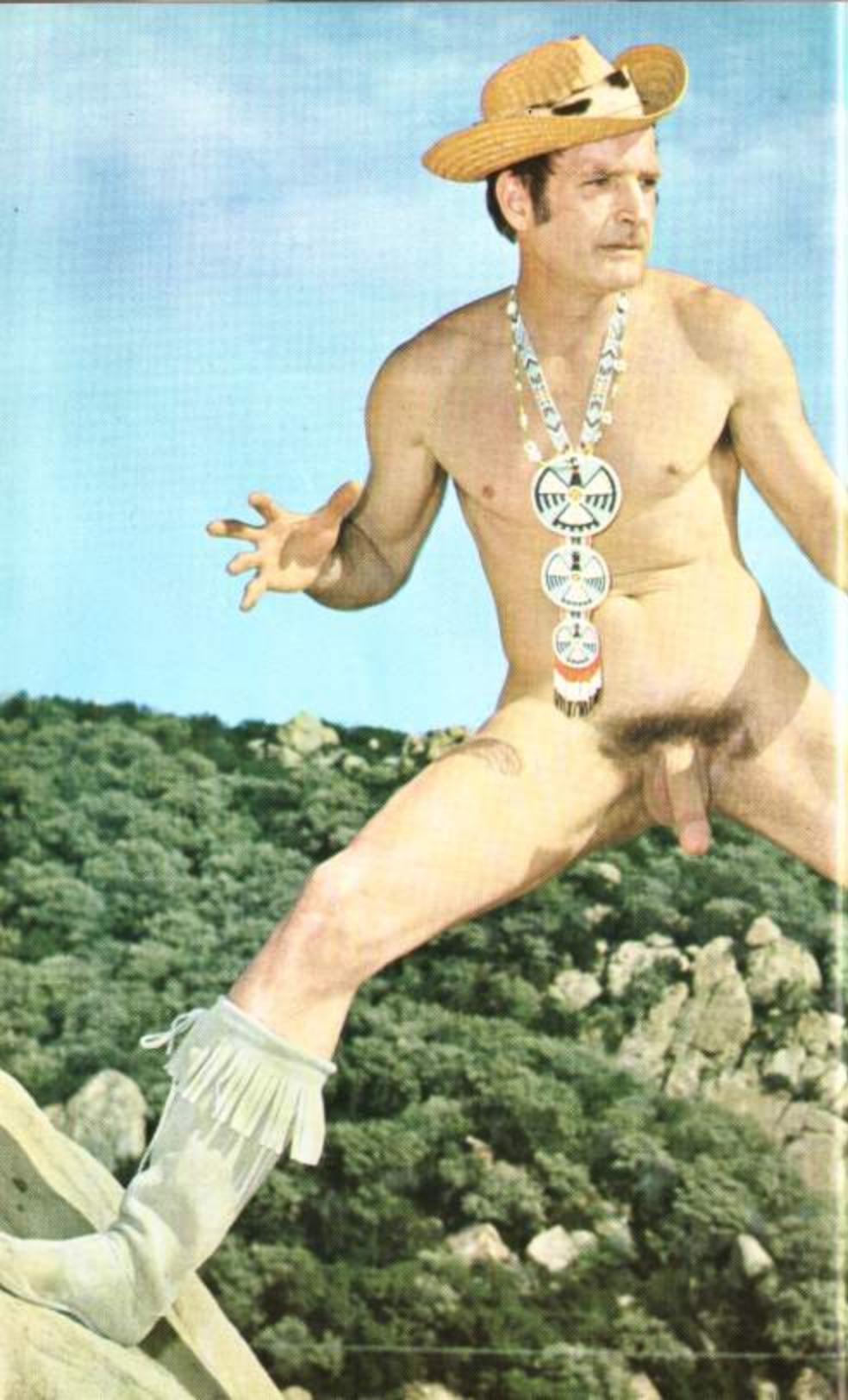


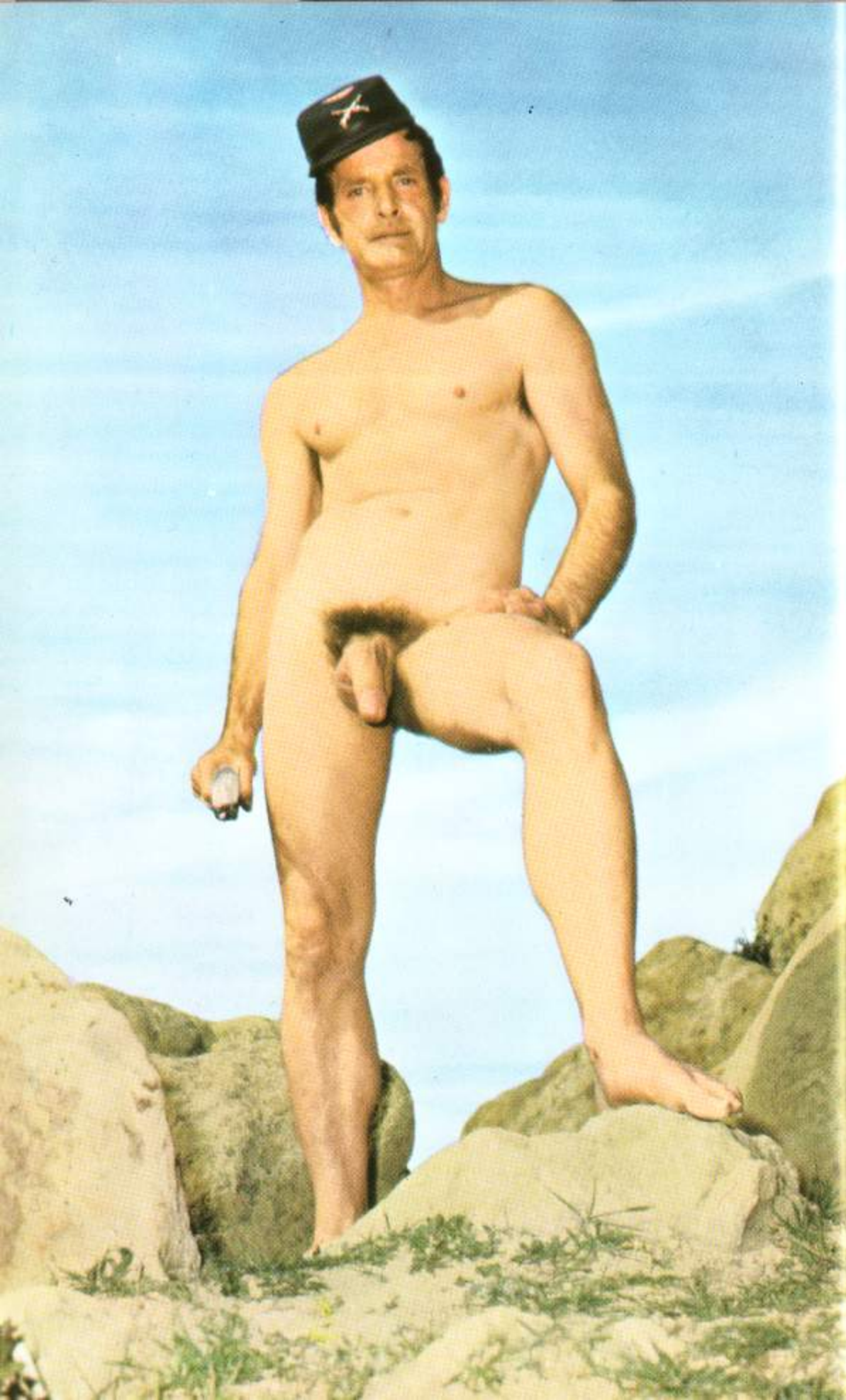




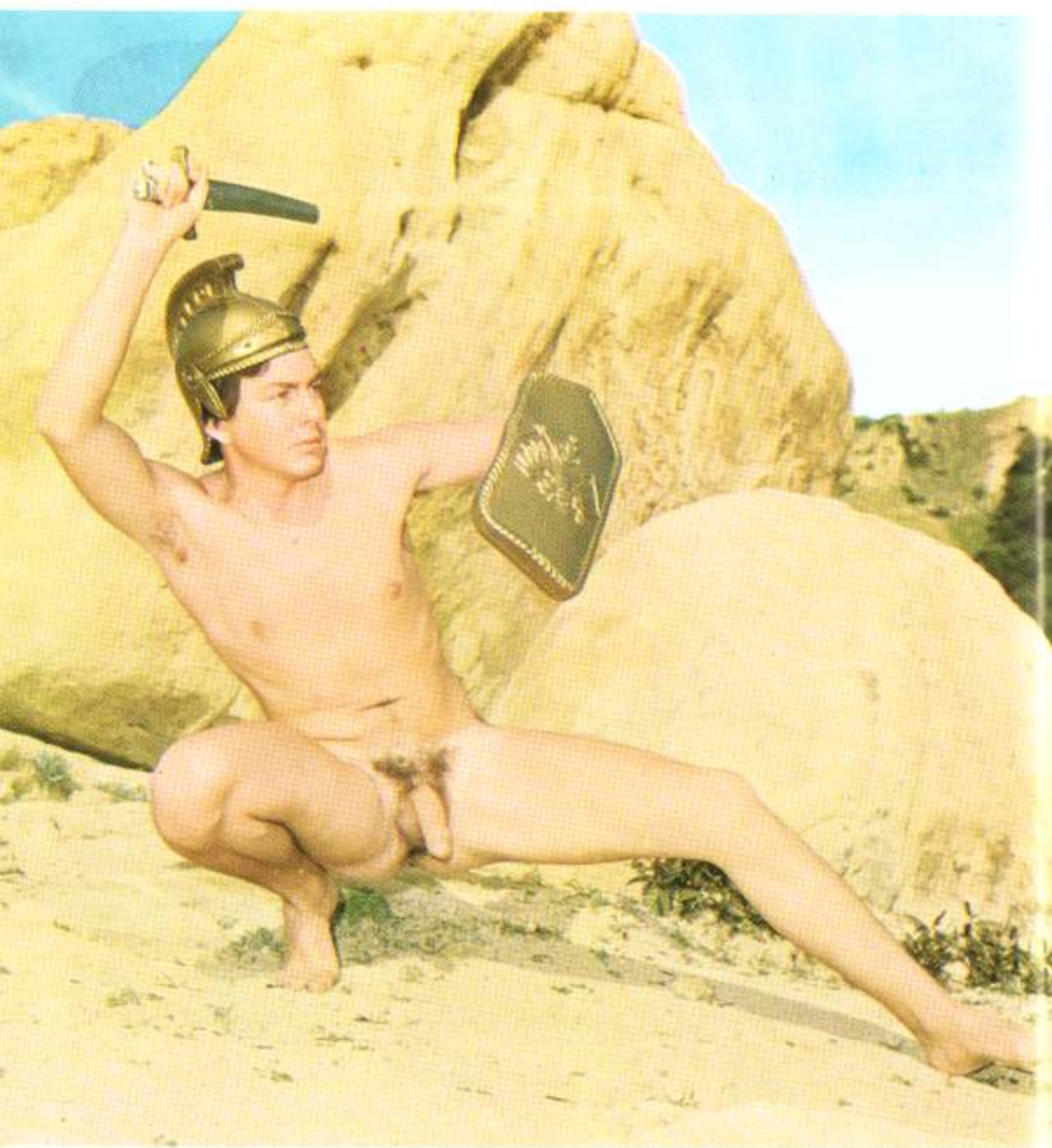


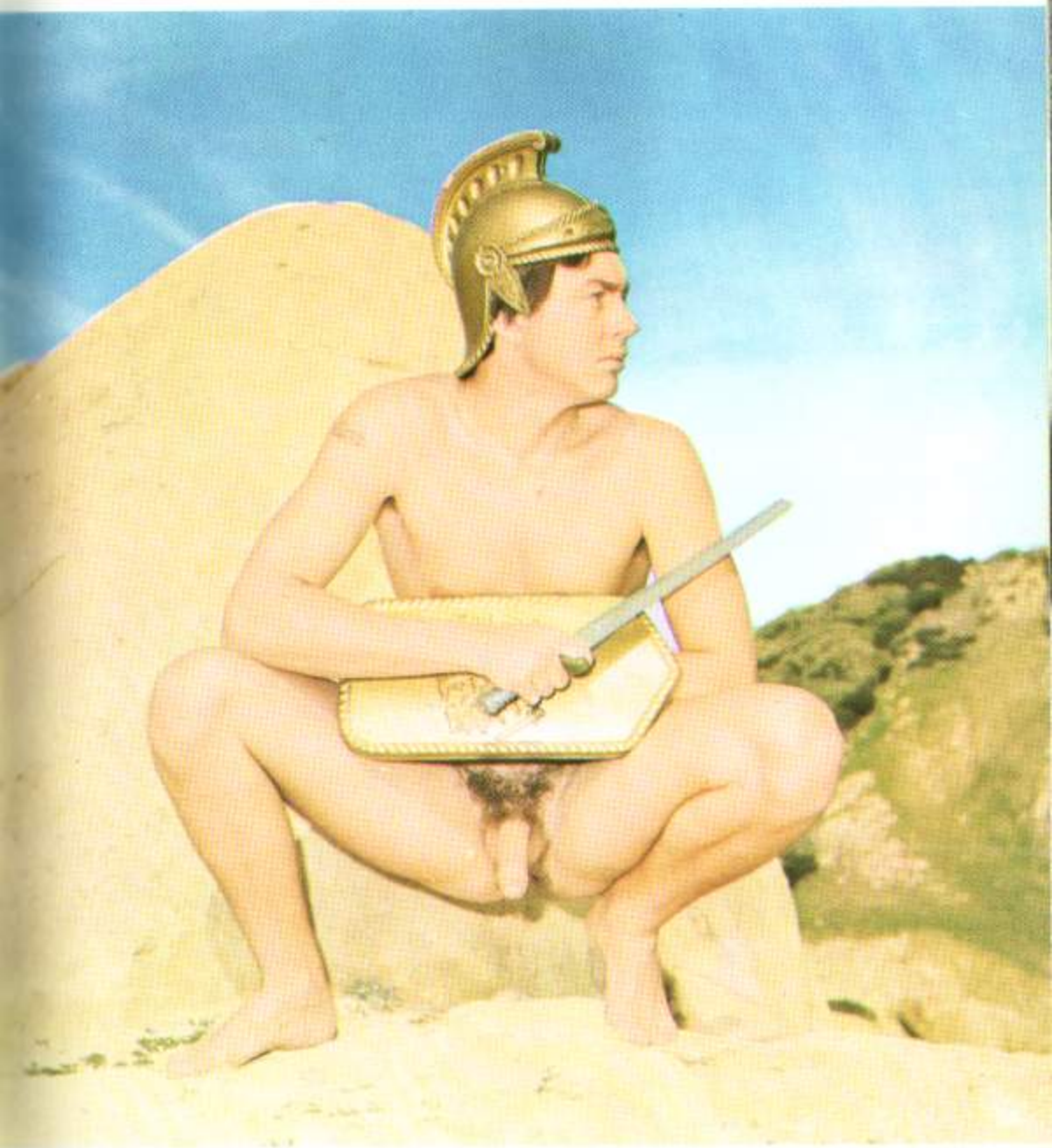


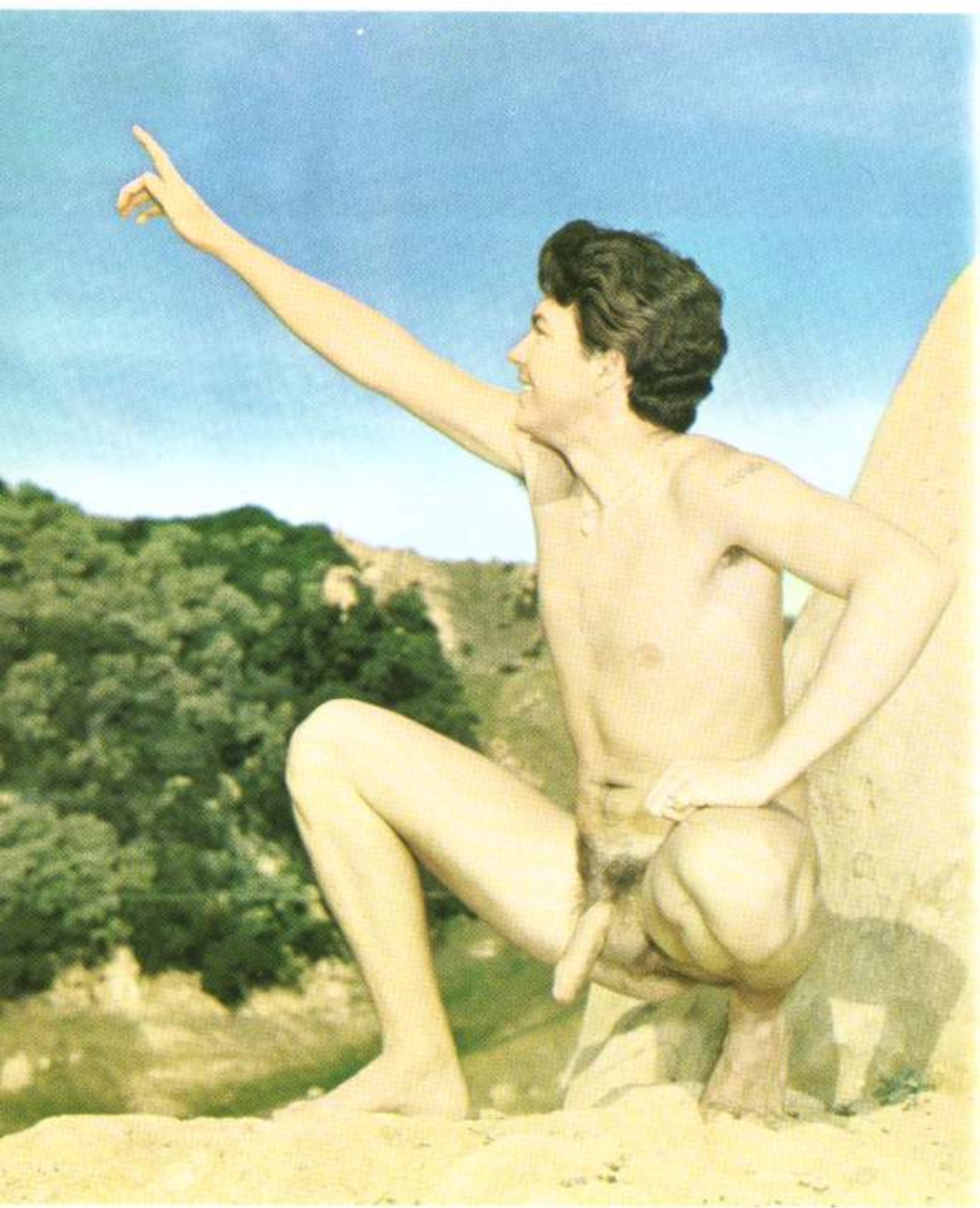


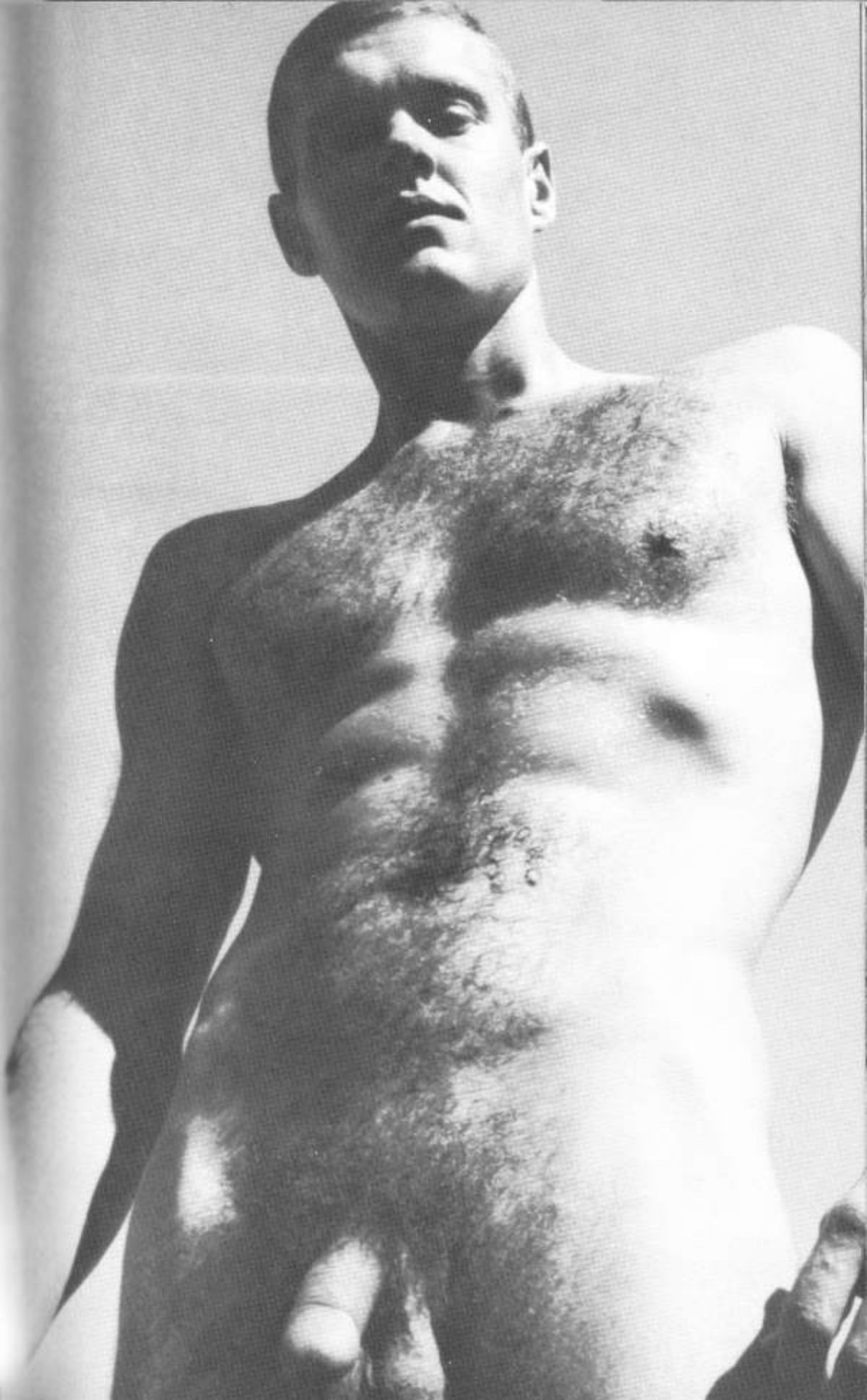




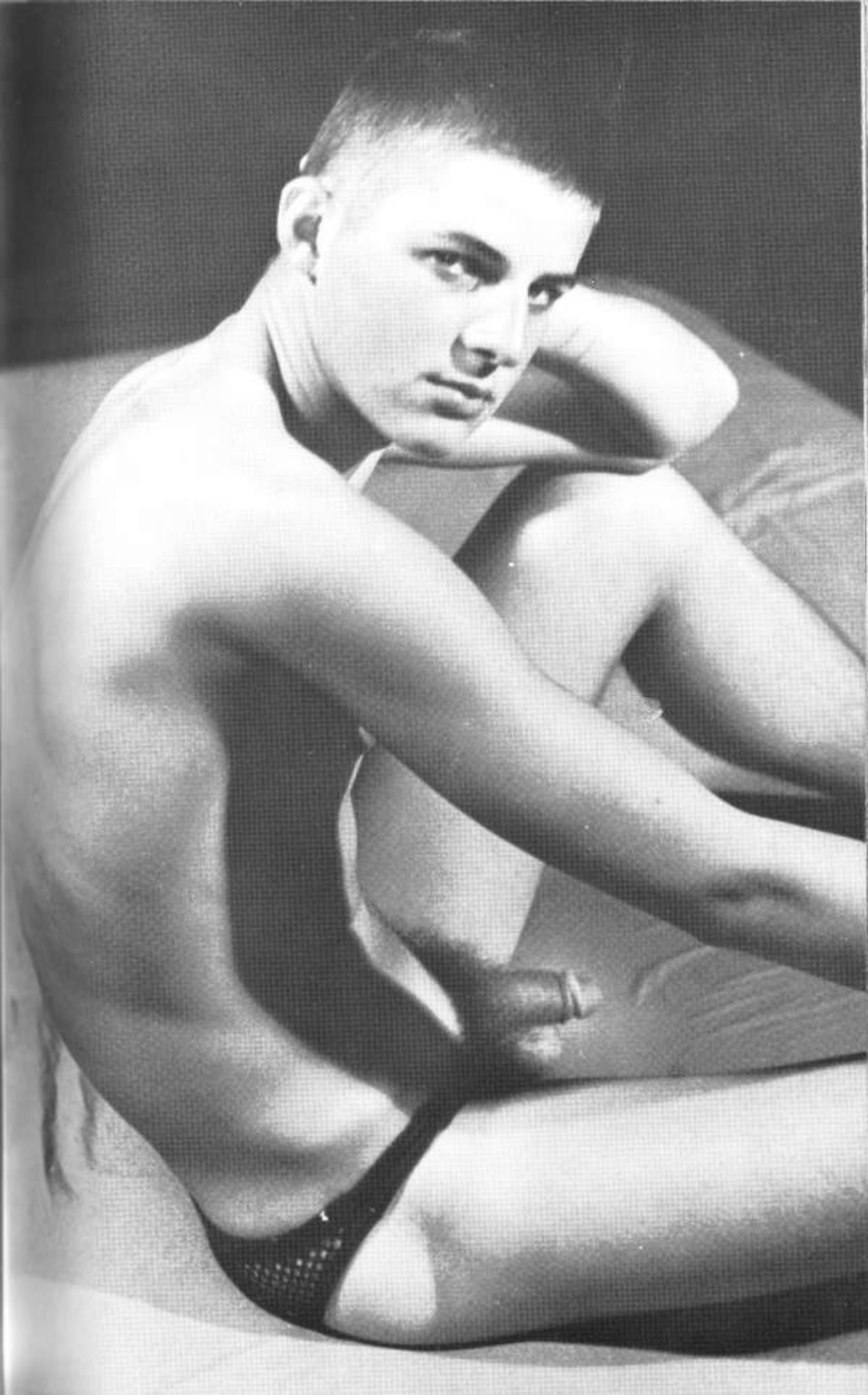






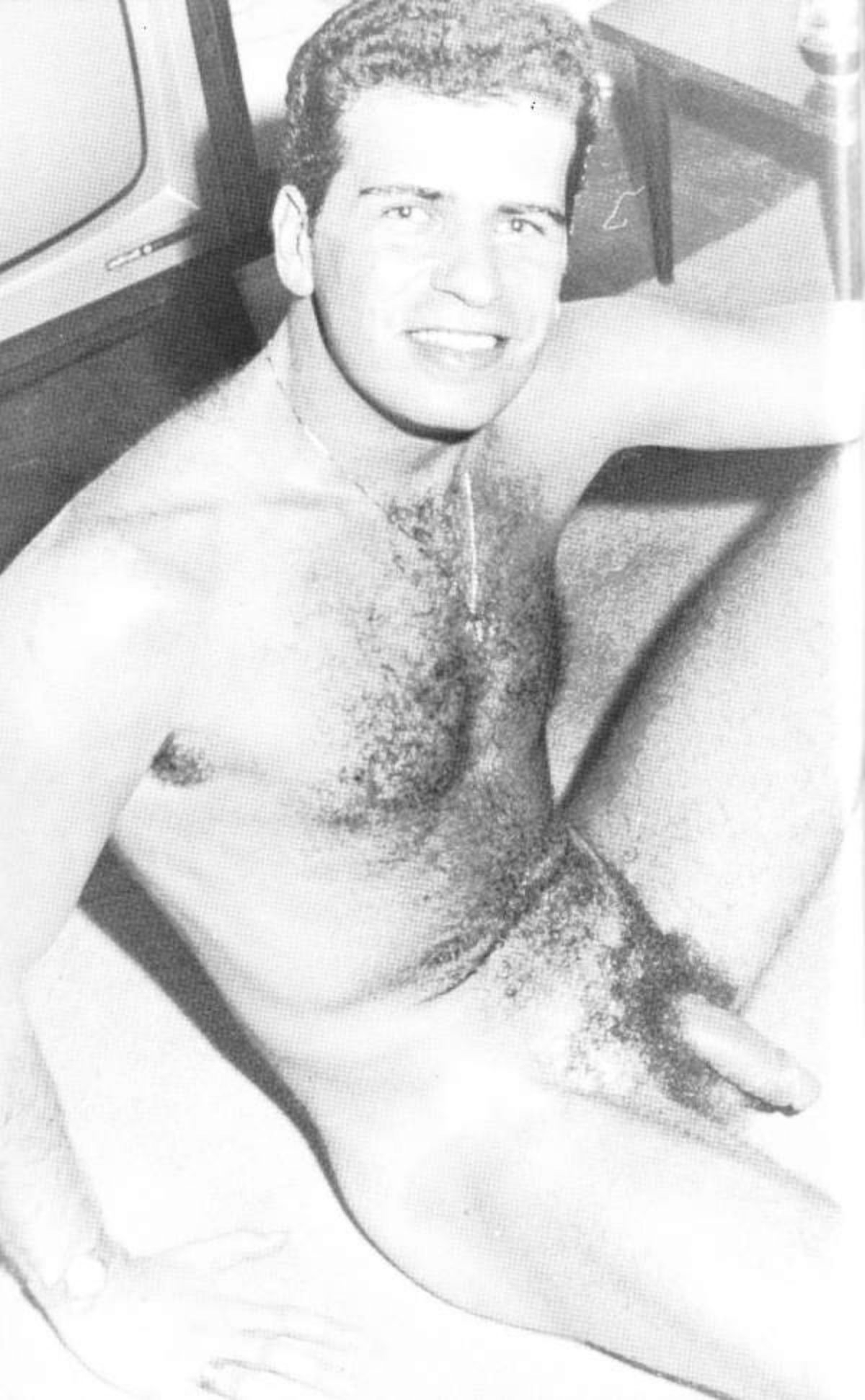










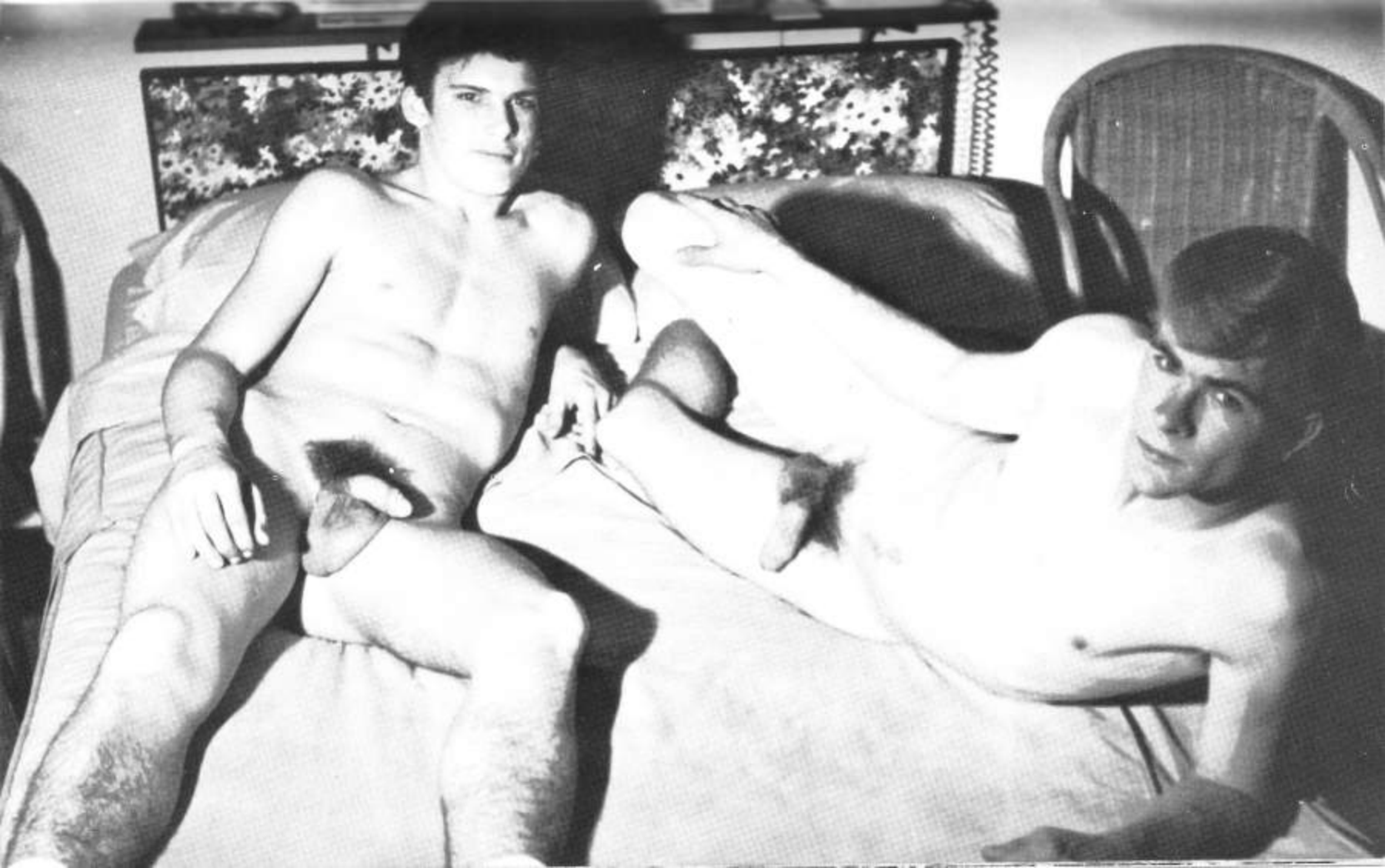






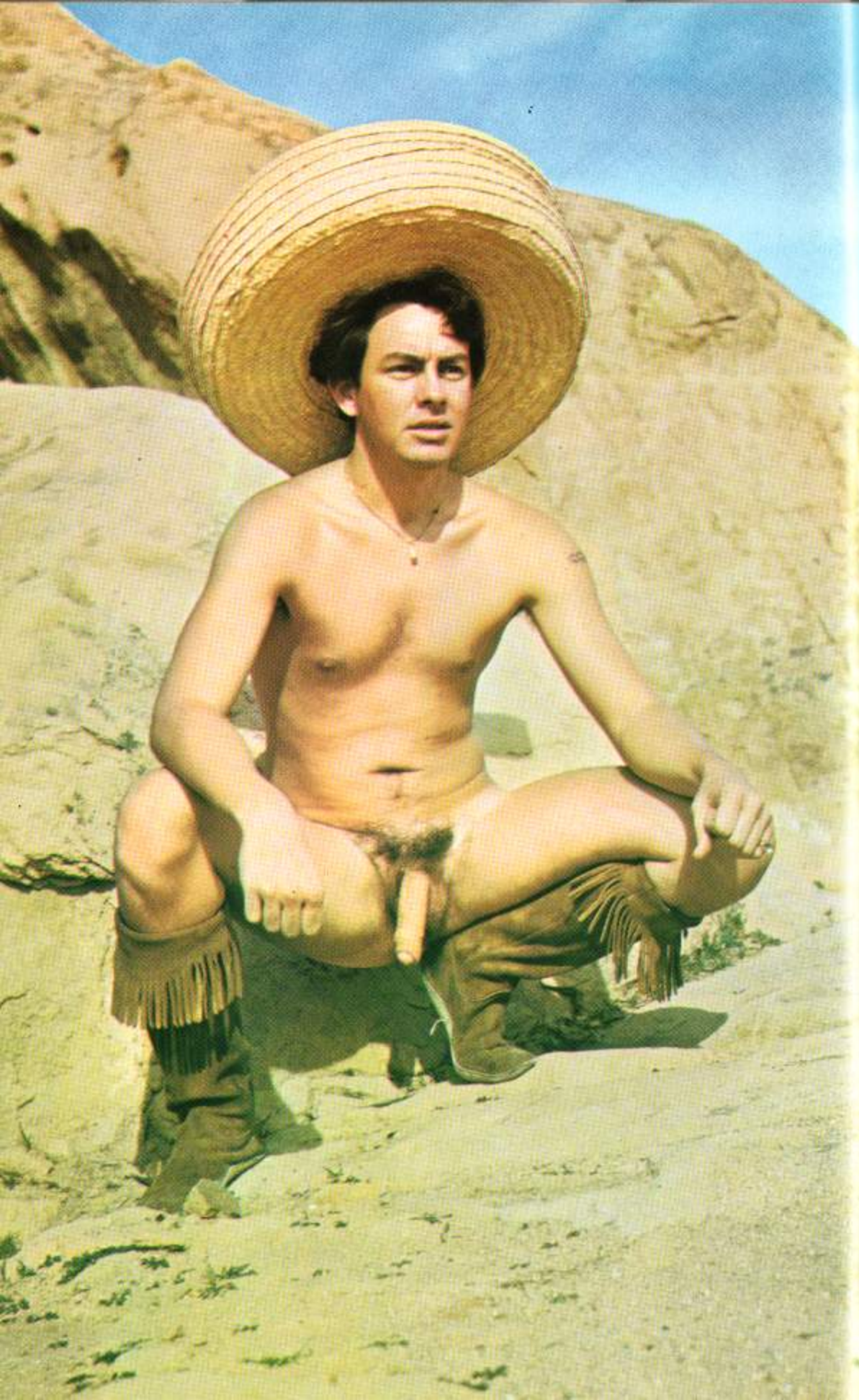






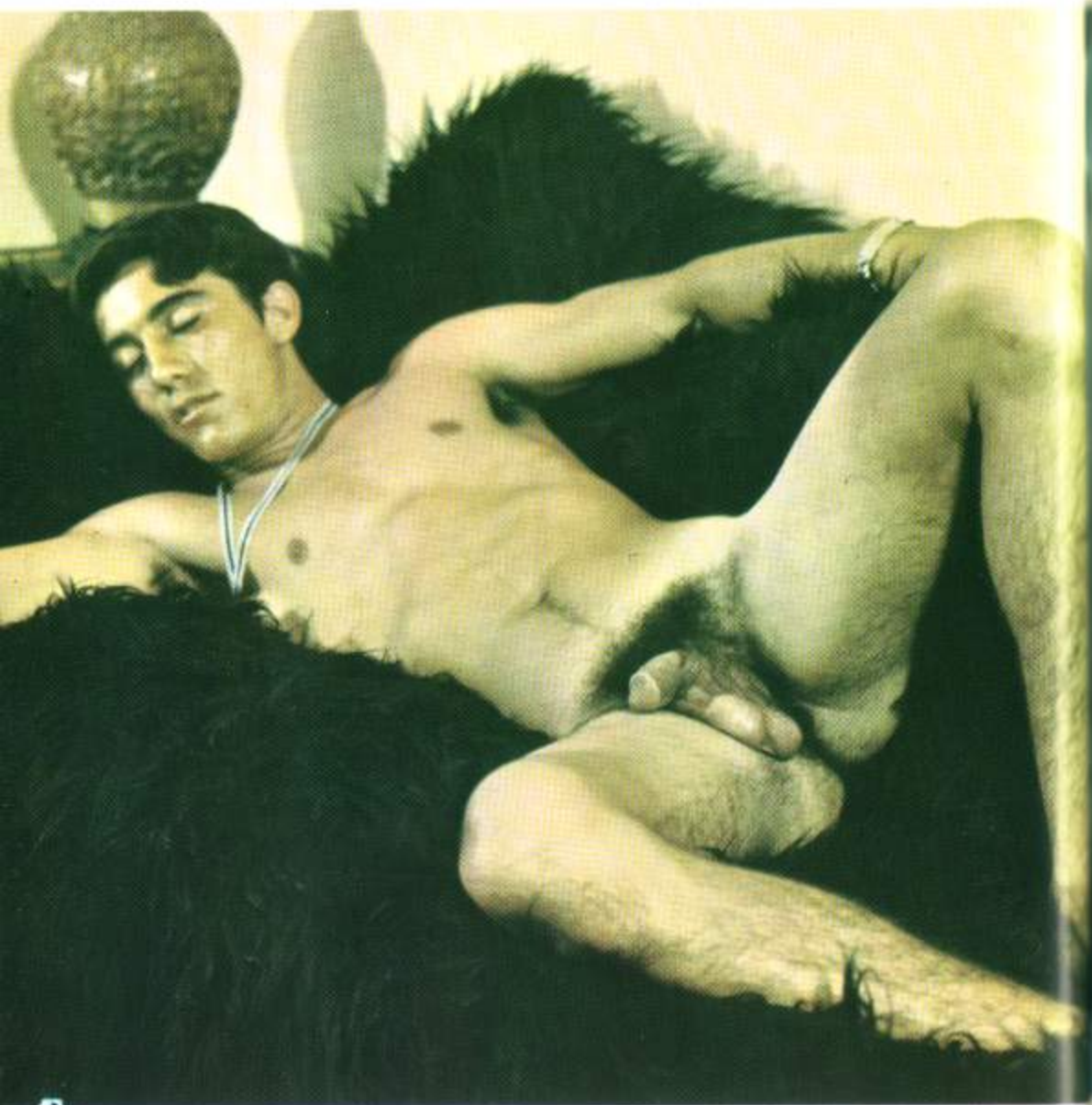










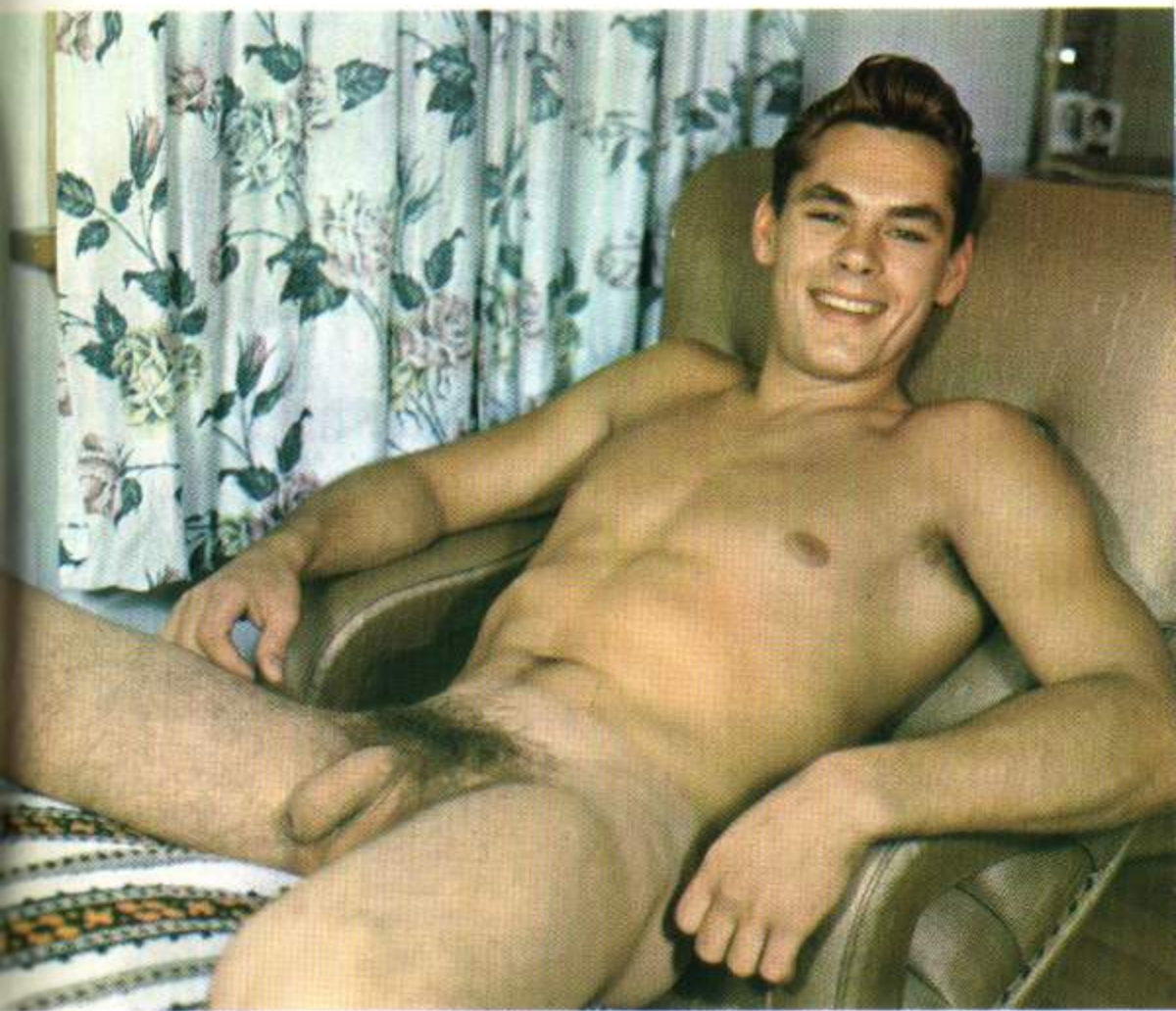














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